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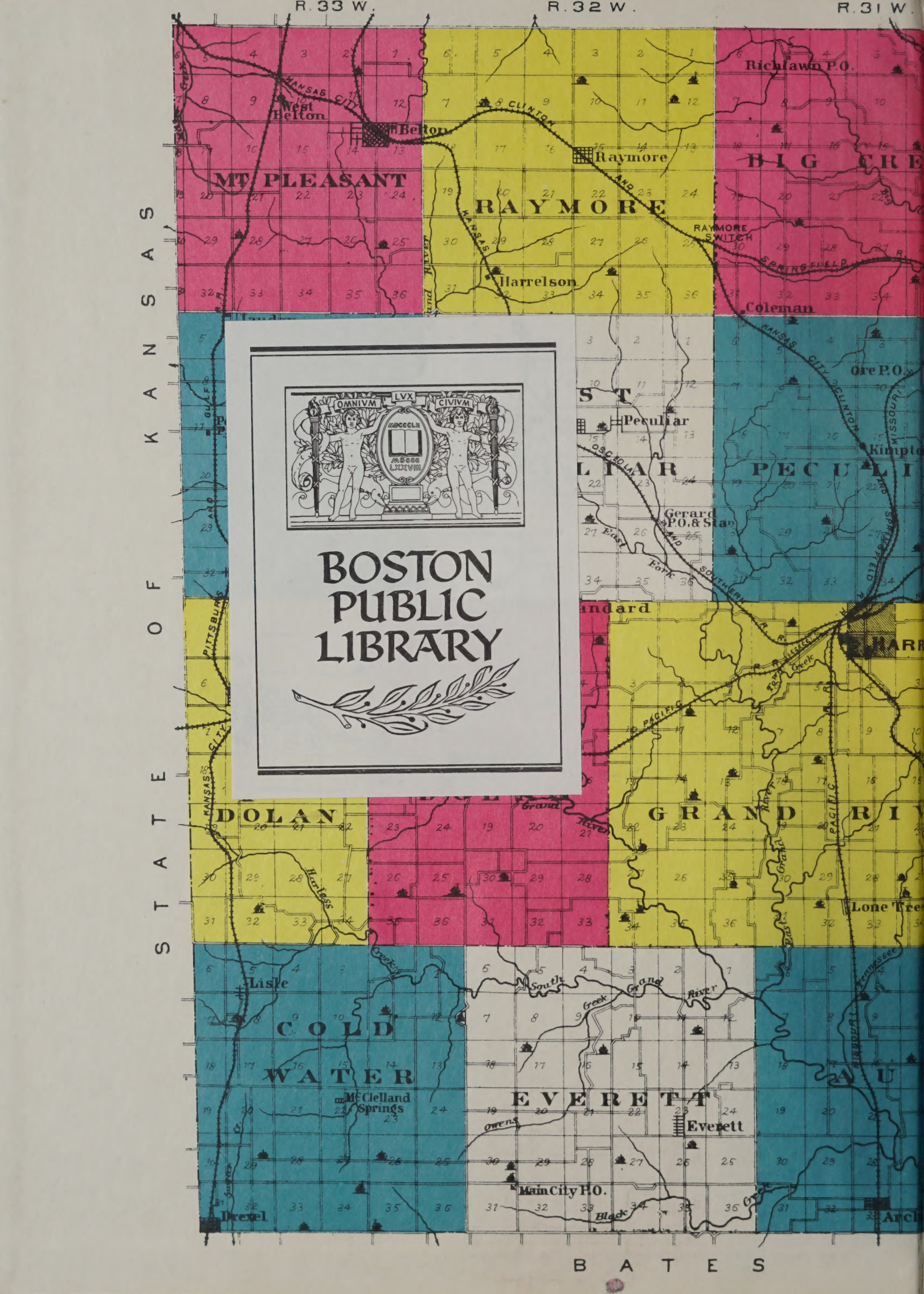
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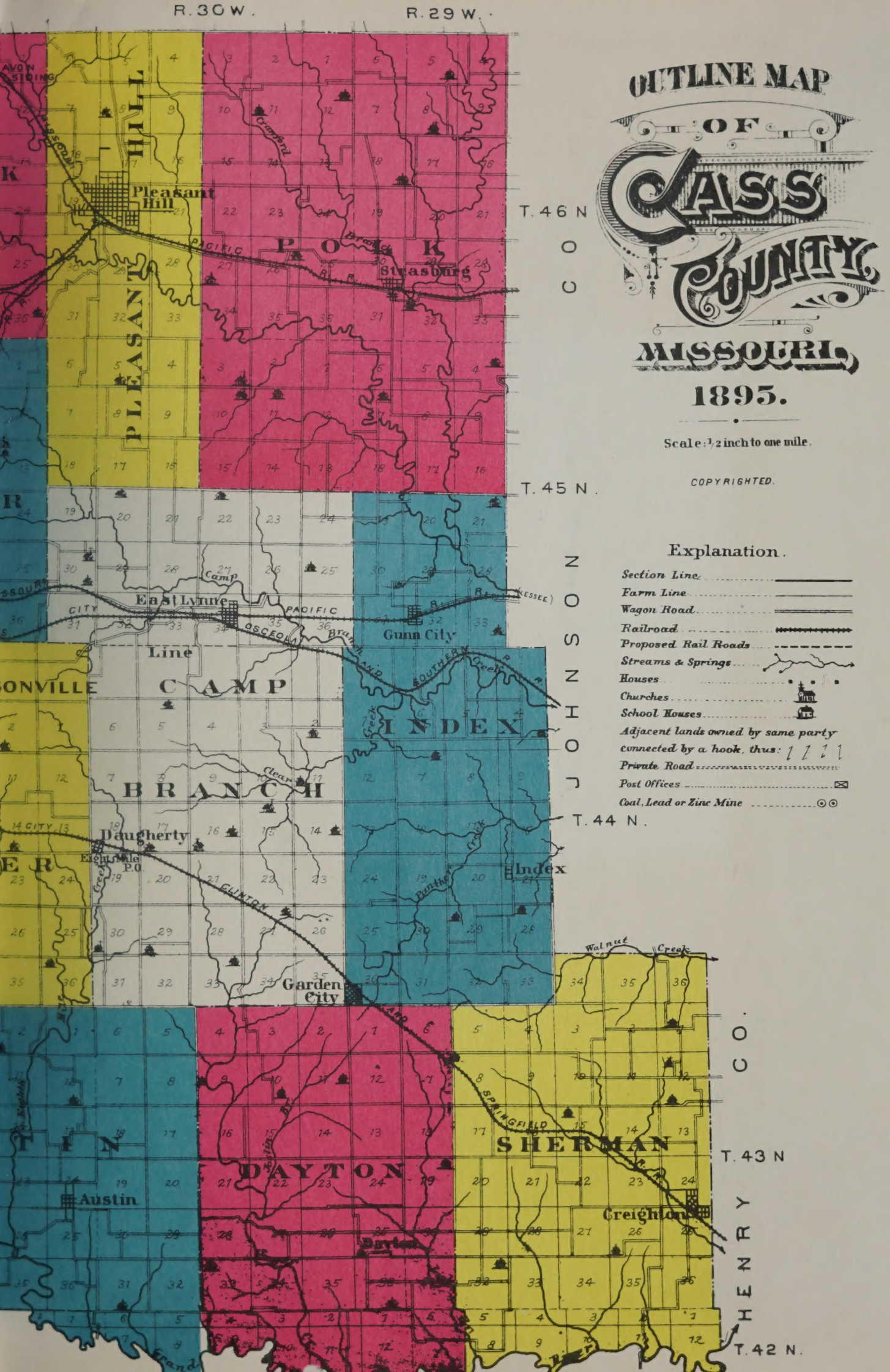
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Dedication

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In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth we proudly present this book of the past, present and future.

May it bring to memory those Founding Fathers, both of the nation and of Cass County, the places, things and events which contributed so greatly to our Heritage of freedom.

Let it be our contribution to the cultures and traditions of the American people in the Festival of 1976.

It is our hope that its pages may inspire those citizens yet to come to shape a better tomorrow on the Horizons of the future.

FOREWORD

Not all family sketches in this book appear as they were originally written. Some were condensed because they were too long for the limitations of this publication; some, short and of the same family, were combined for better continuity; some were edited to delete repetitious items or items the editors considered extraneous to the scope of this work; some were rearranged for clarification of generations and relationships; some were rewritten because the forms in which they were presented weren't suitable for use in this volume. To those whose handwritten material we transcribed we regret any errors, trusting you realize that handwritten manuscripts are very subject to misreadings.

The Cass County Historical Society acknowledges with gratitude the earlier work of Mrs. Walter G. (Alice Lewis) Heid, first Family History Chairman, and her committee, whose collection of family compilations was the genesis of this book. The Cass County Historical Society also acknowledges with gratitude the rewarding response of members and others interested who have more recently submitted material.

We hope this book will bring pleasure and a sense of family pride and solidarity to all represented here, will be of interest to other readers, and will be helpful to all searchers.

The *Cass County Missouri Families* Publication Committee

HERBERT F. ACUFF

Herbert Franklin Acuff was the third of eight children born to Claiborne Franklin Acuff (June 19, 1861-February 8, 1932) and Nancy David (Halliburton) Acuff (January 24, 1866-August 3, 1946). He was born November 20, 1892, on the same farm on which his father was born in Woodlawn Township, Monroe County, Missouri, which had been purchased by his grandfather in 1856.

On April 9, 1914, he was united in marriage with Kathryn Collins, born November 15, 1891. She was the ninth of twelve children born to James Howard Collins (April 11, 1848-June 28, 1915) and Helen (Armstrong) Collins (June 21, 1853-March 25, 1923). They resided on a farm in Monroe County until 1924 when they moved to Shelbina, Missouri. They were the parents of two children: Howard Franklin Acuff, born August 15, 1924, and Nancy Helen Acuff, born December 10, 1925.

In 1928 the family moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri. In October, 1936, Herbert F. Acuff and J. H. Harris purchased the holdings of the White Motor Company in Harrisonville, the firm name becoming the Harris-Acuff Motor Company. In March, 1941, Herbert F. Acuff purchased the interest of his partner and continued the business under the firm name of Herb Acuff Motor Company until his death May 14, 1960. He took an active interest in local civic affairs. He was a charter member of the Harrisonville Lions Club and served as president; he was a member and former president of the Harrisonville Civic Association; he served for several years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, and was an honorary member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kathryn Acuff was a member of the First Baptist Church, a charter member of the Harrisonville Lioness Club and the Young Matrons Club. She died March 25, 1963, exactly fifty years after her mother's death.

Howard Franklin Acuff was married March 11, 1954, to Ida Belle (Millington) Walker (April 1, 1913). They now reside at 1505 Ann in Harrisonville. He is employed at Baptist Memorial Hospital and she with the Bendix Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri. They have been active members of the Baptist Church for many years.

Nancy Helen Acuff married on June 6, 1948, George Taylor Lawson, Jr. (March 12, 1925). She was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Missouri State University in 1946. She is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and Delvers, Missouri Federated Women's Club. She served as secretary of the United Funds for three years. She also held offices in the American Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary, the Harrisonville Music Club, Band-Aides Club, and was a charter member of the Harrisonville Pre-School Association. They are members of the First Christian Church and both have held offices through the years. She is currently employed by the City of Harrisonville and he is with Larry Bridges Chevrolet — Oldsmobile Company. They reside at 707 South Independence, the home built by her father in 1948. The children born to this union are:

Georgann Lawson (July 22, 1950) married August 23, 1969, Glenn Elliott Metheny (March 24, 1948) of Raymore. They both hold Bachelor of Science degrees from Central Missouri State University. She teaches business and English in Raymore-Peculiar High School. He is employed with Pittman Manufacturing Company and they reside in Belton.

Janet Lea Lawson (May 5, 1954) married July 3, 1976, Steven Lee Allbaugh (August 26, 1953) from Clarinda, Iowa. She attended Central Missouri State University and is employed by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy in Westwood, Kansas. He is a graduate of Iowa Western Community College and is manager of Gibson's Discount Center in Harrisonville, where they live.

Richard Franklin Lawson (December 11, 1956) is currently employed by Hicks Brothers Chevrolet Company in Hickman Mills, and lives in the family home.

THOMAS WILLIAM ADAIR

Thomas William Adair was born in Kentucky on October 9, 1856, the son of James Milton and Mary Adair. He was graduated from the Kansas City College of Medicine, later became an Alumnus of Missouri University School of Medicine.

He came to Archie in 1885 and established his practice when Archie was only five years old. He, being a Registered Pharmacist, also owned and operated a Drug Store.

On January 18, 1891 he and Susan Dora Bullock, daughter of Harber N. Bullock, a native of Kentucky and Margaret Mason Hereford Bullock, who came from West Virginia, were married in her parent's home. To this union were born Harold Otto in Nov., 1892, who died in infancy, Mary Merle in Nov., 1896 and Robert Bullock in April, 1904, who died in Wichita, Kansas in 1958.

Dr. and Mrs. Adair, called "Doc and Dorie" by many, made their home in Archie for over fifty-two years where both took an active part in all the affairs of the community. They were diligent workers in the Democrat party and many a Caucus was held in the little Drug Store. Mrs. Adair was delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Philadelphia in 1936.

Dr. Adair, a member of the Archie School Board for many years, worked hard to give that community an efficient school system and was successful in getting a Consolidated District.

In spite of bad weather, muddy and water covered roads by Grand River he always made it to the bed-side of a sick patient. "Mac and Fan" powered the buggy he drove and often he had to ride one of them horseback when the buggy couldn't make it. When he graduated to a Model T, many times he had to leave the car and walk, but he made it. Many a patient was operated on, on the kitchen table by lamplight and most of the hundreds of babies were delivered in their homes.

Doc and Dorie Adair.

He was the first Doctor in Cass County to administer Diptheria anti-toxin and saved the life of twin girls. He took many Post-Graduate Courses in Chicago, St. Louis and at Mayo Clinic and kept himself informed in all phases of medicine. During the Flu epidemic, he made rounds night and day. He would send messengers into Archie to Mrs. Adair, who was a registered pharmacist and operated the Drug Store, and she would put up fresh supplies of medicine to send him. He grieved that he lost two patients of the hundreds he cared for during that epidemic.

In 1941 he sold the Drug Store and gave up active practice but many people came to his home for him to prescribe for them and relatives would come for him to take him to see sick patients who thought only "Doc" Adair could cure them.

After being in bed only two weeks, he died on March 5, 1943 and soon Mrs. Adair came to Harrisonville to live with her daughter, Merle and husband, Allen B. Glenn, an Attorney in law and a native Cass Countian. Allen B. Glenn died on Nov. 28, 1947.

Though Mrs. Adair became an invalid she never lost interest in her church, Democrat Politics and kept the radio tuned to all the Base Ball, Fast Ball and Basketball games. She died in the home of her daughter in Harrisonville on April 12, 1955.

Thus ends the story of "Doc" and "Dorie" Adair.

The Adams Family in 1893: Pearlie, Amanda, John, Grover and Ida Gertrude.

WILLIAM ADAMS

William Adams, only son of John and Margaret Durr Adams, was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, January 4, 1817. He was married to Catherine Jane Black in Sept. 1840, also a native of Kentucky. Their daughter Margaret C. was born in Kentucky. They left Kentucky in 1841 where their first son John Henry was born in Greene County, Illinois on December 25, 1841.

The family arrived in Cass County, Missouri in July 1842, where they purchased land two and one-half miles south of Gunn City, Mo. This home became the birth place of the following children: Anna Arminta White, Laura B. Morrow, Ellen A. Sallee, William T., James Albert, Sarah V. Withers, Mary Alice Hoover and Robert Lee Adams.

At one time Mr. and Mrs. Adams owned 233 acres, one 40 acre tract being acquired by riding horseback to the patent office in Lexington, Mo. The original house was burned during Order No. 11 and Mr. Adams took his family east to near the present Bear Creek Baptist Church, where they remained until the end of the Civil War. The son John Henry served during the war in his father's place, as could be done by conscription.

The house near Bear Creek was moved to the old homesite where it still stands as a home with many additions and improvements. The large red barn is 100 years old this Bicentennial year, built by a son James A. Adams, a carpenter, who was also a Justice of the Peace in Gunn City and Index Township.

Mrs. Adams died in 1866 and Mr. Adams died in July, 1888. They were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Both were laid to rest in the Index Cemetery.

The eldest son, John Henry, and wife, Amanda Gloyd, were married in 1868 and after the death of his father purchased the farm from the heirs and moved his family there in 1891. They were the parents of six children: Charles E., William Logan, Pearlie Jane, James Albert, Ida Gertrude and Grover Cleveland Adams. Mr. J. H. Adams died in 1918, Mrs. Adams in 1920. Both are buried in Index Cemetery.

In 1924 John Henry's youngest son, Grover C., and wife, Lena Davis Adams, bought the farm and continued farming until his death Dec. 21, 1974, at the age of 85. He was a member of the Gunn City United Methodist Church. He is buried in the Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

In April 1975, Lena sold the farm and in January 1976, Ida Gertrude sold her 42 acres, this being the last of the original 233 acres bought by Mr. and Mrs. William Adams in 1842.

Thus, the three generations of the Adams family of men lived on this land a total of 182 years and the women 107 years.

ALDERSON FAMILY

The Alderson family migrated from England to Virginia early in the 1600's. John Alderson, whose son, John, was married July 4, 1729 to Jane Starke, daughter of James and Eleanor (Todd) Starke. John Alderson lived in North Farham, Richmond County, Virginia and died in 1785.

His son, James (May 18, 1730-June 8, 1782) married Sarah Ann Walker. They had seven children and seventeen slaves. Two sons served in the Revolutionary War. Their son, William, (11/17/1769-1830) married Mary Orr from South Carolina. They moved to Tennessee and later to Kentucky. In Kentucky, they owned a large plantation and a number of slaves. There was a large cave on the place that had a cold stream of water flowing from great crevices, where the slaves rinsed the laundry. This cave also had stalactites hanging from the cave ceiling.

William's son, William "Buck" Alderson (Dec. 19, 1795-April 10, 1861) married Margaret Boren in Summer County, Tenn., and settled in Simpson Co., Kentucky. They came to Missouri in 1856, after suffering financial losses. Mr. Alderson had been an extensive trader in livestock and supplier for Southern plantations. They had nine children: John, Nancy P., James C., Ersin, Benedict, David, P. H., Jane and Vincent.

James C. Alderson (Jan. 5, 1818-1856) married Lucinda Bush (Feb. 5, 1816-Oct. 5, 1887) in Kentucky and came to Independence, Mo. in 1840 to her sister's home, Mrs. Ailsa Rider. They farmed in Independence a few years and their son, Vincent, was born in 1841. They moved to Cass County in the High Blue district and also acquired land in the Swampy School District. During their stay in High Blue, they were partners in a general store with a Mr. Young and joined the High Blue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In 1849, they moved into a mammoth loghouse in the back of which was a kitchen and dining room thirty feet long. Mrs. Alderson was known as Aunt Cindy in the entire community. She had a smoke house and the family killed from 15 to 25 hogs every winter. Aunt Cindy stayed in her home during Order No. 11. The house was in the center of a half section of land. It was ¾ mile back from one side of the section and the river had to be crossed from the other side. No one mentioned her during that time because she was loved by everyone in the community. She always gave a helping hand to everyone who needed shelter or food, including slaves, wounded, deserters or neighbors. So the house was never touched. When her husband, James C., died in 1856, Aunt Cindy gave an acre of land on her farm for a graveyard and over fifty graves contain the remains of Aldersons, Borens and Sears. Most of the graves have stones still in good condition. They (Lucinda and James) had six children: James, Margaret, William, Willis, Missouri (died in infancy) Vincent (1841-1879).

Vincent was the eldest son and was educated at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. He was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War and was wounded. He was married Apr. 17, 1866 to Gale Collins Judd, a Civil War widow, who had a daughter, Emma. Vincent and Gale had five boys; Edgar, James, William, Vincent and Ernest. William was born in Belton on March 14, 1874 at 202 Second Street and died Dec. 14, 1941. He married Martha Ross (1879-1925) on Oct. 27, 1897. They had four daughters: Marie (Mrs. William H. Groh), who died Jan. 2, 1952; Pauline (Mrs. Frank Mosby), Berniece (Mrs. B. Weadock) and Kathryn June (Mrs. Vincent R. Powell). Kathryn and Pauline both reside in Belton. Mrs. Powell has two sons, Robert (who is married and resides in Morristown, New Jersey) and Don (who is attending Washington Univ., St. Louis.) Mrs. Mosby has a son, William J. (who is in the real estate and insurance business in Belton) and two daughters, Frances and Helen (Mrs. Wm. M. Graham). Both live in North Kansas City. William J. is married to Joann Savage and they have two sons, David, who is a lieutenant in the Air Force and Douglas, who is a security guard in Kansas City.

Five generations of this family have been born in Missouri: Vincent in Independence, William Alderson, Pauline A. Mosby, William "Bill" and David Mosby in Belton.

JESSIE ALDRIDGE

Jessie Aldridge (b. August 9, 1889) came to Cass County in 1906. She was the daughter of John N. and Annie Jane Long Gordon. She was the youngest of five children. She was married in 1912 to Clay Gustine and to this union were born two daughters: Natalie Stice Beard and Lillian Ryan. She was married in 1915 to James M. Aldridge and to this union were born four daughters: Martha Jane Cook, Edna Mae Faulkner, twins Nadine Harnish and Maudine Somars. She has fourteen grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Mr. Aldridge passed away in 1954, also two grandchildren. Mrs. Aldridge made beautiful handwork and was a wonderful wife and mother. Her father was a Civil War Veteran. One daughter Edna Faulkner passed away in 1975. Mrs. Aldridge lived with her daughter Lillian Ryan for 20 years. In 1975 she took sick and needed constant care and now lives at Countryside Nursing Home at Butler, Missouri. This wonderful pioneer mother was always busy with her handwork, was a true Christian woman and her children are so very proud to call her Mother. Her working days are over but I am writing this as a tribute to her. Our wonderful mother who will be 87 years old August 9.

GEORGE E. ALLEN

George E. Allen (1859-1944) and his wife, Neelie Ray Allen (1860-1917) moved to the farm south of Raymore from Delaven, Ill., in 1916.

Their oldest son, Gene E. Allen (1883-1947) had lived in this community since 1903 and had farmed their land prior to his father moving here. Their daughter, Rita, and her husband, C. F. Watkins, also moved here from Delavan to farm and still reside on part of the original farm.

Their youngest son, G. H. Allen (1897-1960), also came to Raymore with his parents. After service in World War I, he married Crit Lane on Feb. 10, 1919. They also made their home on the family farm, and Mrs. Allen still resides in the home she moved into as a bride. "Butch" was better known throughout Missouri as one of the state's better sharpshooters. Their two children, Georgia Crit and Hal H., went to school at Raymore. Georgia is now Mrs. W. J. Prewitt of Mt. Streling, Ky., and is the mother of two children, Ellen and Allen. Hal married Judy Jay Keen of the Raymore community and they are the parents of three children: Steven W., Susan K. and Sara C. Hal and his family live on the family farm, now known as Allen's Angus Acres.

Hal's children are the fourth generation of Allens to live on the land owned by the Allen Family, south of Raymore, for three quarters of a century.

G. M. ALLEN

George M. Allen, retired President of the Citizens National Bank of Harrisonville, Mo. (now Commerce Bank). His great grandfather, Lewis L. L. Allen founded the Lawrence County Bank in Pierce City, Mo. in 1870. His great-grandfather's brother, William H. Allen, founded the Allen Banking Co. of Harrisonville, Mo. in 1868. His grandfather Charles E. Allen founded the Citizens National Bank of Harrisonville, Mo. in 1902. Mr. Allen was employed in the Citizens National Bank for 44 years, the last twenty-one years as its president.

Mr. Allen is a member of all masonic organizations. He served three years in the U.S. Army, of which seven months was in the European Theater during WW II. He is past Commander of the Cass County Memorial Post 4409 VFW and the American Legion Volunteer Fire Dept. for 30 years and a member of the Fire dept. for 44 years.

Mr. Allen is active in all Civic organizations and has worked for the progress of Harrisonville. He is past President of the Kiwanis Club, Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce and the Harrisonville Civic Association. He helped raise money and worked to build the Harrisonville Youth Building, the Harrisonville Golf Course and the Memorial Football Stadium. He served eight years on the Harrisonville Public School Board.

He was instrumental in getting Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. Inc. to locate a plant in Harrisonville. He was active in the Boy Scouts for more than 25 years and was the first Eagle Scout in Harrisonville, Mo. He was Scout master for five years.

He helped with the Cass County Horse show for many years. He served as Cass Co. Chairman of the American Red Cross Drive, Chairman of the March of Dimes and Cass Co. Civil Defense director for years. He organized the Cass County Firemans' Association and is past president of the Cass Co. Bankers Association.

Mr. Allen married Kathleen Clement on Dec. 7, 1947, and is the father of three children, Nelson G. Allen, Linda K. Montgomery and Trudy J. Allen. He has one grandchild Kevin D. Montgomery.

G. M. was the only son of Charles G. Allen and Lora Akin Allen. Charles G. Allen was born in Pierce City, Mo. in 1888, the son of Charles E. Allen and Mable Given Allen. Charles E. Allen was the son of Lewis L. L. Allen and Corinna J. Potter Allen. Mable Givan Allen was the daughter of Noah M. Givan and Elizabeth Jackson Givan, both of Dearborn County, Indiana.

Lora Akin Allen, a native of Harrisonville was the daughter of Dr. George S. Akin and Rachel Howard Akin. Mrs. Akin was the first woman postmistress of Harrisonville. Dr. Akin was a native of Cayuga County, New York. Mrs. Rachel Howard Akin was a native of Indiana and came to Missouri in a covered wagon. Dr. Akin was Regimental Surgeon in the second Colorado Volunteer Cavalry Union Army.

The Metcalf Ament Family.

JOHN P. AMENT

John P. Ament was born in 1806 in Green County, Kentucky. He and his wife, Mary, came to Van Buren, now Cass County, Missouri, in 1842. They made their home in Harrisonville for about ten years, where they lived in a small frame building at the northeast corner of the square. John P. worked at his trade making furniture and coffins.

In the early 1850's, John P. and Mary, his wife, purchased a tract of land from the government located southwest of Harrisonville. The old Brick Yard and the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company are on a part of this land. Here they built a log cabin northwest of the Bell Plain school building. To this union were born nine children.

They farmed their land until the Civil War in 1861. After Order #11, they moved to Illinois for a short time. When they returned to Missouri, they had to rebuild and restock due to war damages, but soon resumed farming operations. After the death of John P. and Mary, the farm was sold to a Mr. Will Ryan and the money divided among the seven living children. They invested their money in various enterprises.

Members of the Ament family who have been life long residents of Cass County are the following: Melvina, who married E. T. Payne, E. P. (Bud), who married Eliza Shingleton and Thomas Metcalf, who married Louisa F. Nave. Soon after their marriage, these other children removed from Cass County: Laura, who married the Rev. Jim Martin, moved to Oklahoma; Josephine, who married John C. Beaty, passed away in Cass County soon after the Civil War; Nancy, who married John C. Beaty and moved to Kansas City, Missouri and Benjamin F., who married Lizzy Crosswhite and lived in Cass County a short time, then moved to Holden, Johnson County, Missouri.

A grandson of John P. Ament, Jessie Reece Ament, was killed in action in World War I and a great-grandson, Claud Wesley Ament, was killed in Action in World War II.

The living direct descendants of John P. Ament are the following: Frank B. Ament, son of E. P. Ament, lives in Garnet, Kansas; Arthur Metcalf Ament, son of Thomas Metcalf Ament, lives in Wichita and Delbert Ament, son of Thomas Metcalf Ament, who is the only one of John P. Aments' descendants having resided in Cass County all his life.

The Ament name has been traced to about 2,000 homes in the United States and all are related. It is hoped that the younger generation will know of the heritage they carry from Cass County, Missouri.

DR. JOHN G. ANDERSON

Dr. John G. Anderson (deceased) was born December, 1897 in Johnson County, Mo., the son of Dr. and Mrs. John T. Anderson, and became a resident of Cass County in 1925. The Andersons' earlier ancestors came from Virginia. The name of a relative, John Anderson, to whom Robert Burns referred to in his immortal poem, "John Anderson, my Joe" has been carried through many generations of the Anderson family.

Dr. John G. Anderson was educated at St. Louis University. While attending dental school, a Mobile Hospital Unit was formed by St. Louis University to serve with the British forces. When war was declared upon Germany, the Hospital Unit transferred to the American Forces, serving as a base hospital in France. He was discharged after two years of service and returned to graduate from dental school. He remained in the Reserves and at the beginning of World War II received orders to report for active duty, where he served for four years in the South Pacific. On active duty in the Korean War, he served as the head of a dental clinic in Japan. He retired at the rank of Lt. Colonel. In 1922, he married Lee Lucille Fewel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fewel. Her father was one of the founders of Leeton, Missouri. The Bank of Leeton was chartered Sept. 1896. Mr. Fewel was president and served for many years.

To Dr. and Mrs. Anderson three sons were born, all of whom have followed their father's profession in dentistry.

Dr. John T. Anderson was born June 1926. Upon graduation from High School in 1943, he volunteered for active duty in the Navy where he saw action in the South Pacific and met with his father occasionally. In his senior year in dental school, he applied for a commission in the regular Navy. During the Vietnam War he served as an oral surgeon on the Hospital Ship Sanctuary. Returning to the United States, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and assumed duty as the Chief of Dental Surgery of Jacksonville, Florida Naval Hospital. For the past five years, he has been stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1953 he married Dolores Boyd. To them were born: Renee, Kim and John T.

Dr. James L. Anderson was born in Garden City January 1928. Upon graduation from Missouri University, he went on active duty with the Navy serving as a line officer on the USS Saipon. After two years of service, he entered dental school and on June 1957 began the practice of dentistry in the Medical Building which his father had built in Harrisonville anticipating his sons joining in his practice. Jimmie has been very active in local and state dental affairs. He is president of the Missouri Dental Association; on the staff of the Missouri Dental Board of Examiners; has a fellowship in the American Academy of Dentistry; is a past Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Clubs International.

In 1951 he married Davie Burnett. They are parents of Leeann and Lynne.

Dr. Eugene Anderson was born in Garden City Oct. 1941. Upon graduation from William Jewell College, he accepted a position in the insurance business as an underwriter, where he spent five years. Then he, too, felt the call of dentistry. He returned to Cass County and entered dental school from which he graduated in 1973 and joined his brother, Jimmie in the practice of dentistry. He belongs to the Lions Club and works through the Boy Scout and Mic-O-Say programs locally and statewide. In 1973 he married Jeanne Gibbons, who is a dental hygienist and assists him in his practice.

CLIFFORD LEROY ANDERSON

Clifford Leroy (Cliff) Anderson was born June 10, 1888 near Valparaiso, Neb., died Sept. 14, 1967 near Warrensburg, Mo., is buried Memorial Gardens, Warrensburg. He was the first son of Halvar Anderson born July 16, 1861, died July 13, 1928, and Anna Marie Carlson, both of Sweden. Halvar came to the U.S. when 21 and Anna came with her parents 1869, all settling in Crawford Co., Ia. They married at Kiron, Ia., moved to Sanders Co., Neb. Dec. 1887 where they farmed and had other children: Lester Alvin Anderson born March 9, 1891, died July 25, 1947, has sons Bryce and Lester Jr.; Mabel Agnas Anderson born Apr. 3, 1893, died Sept. 14, 1893; Carl Arthur Anderson born Apr. 13, 1894, died Sept. 25, 1963; Albert Edwin Anderson born Oct. 18, 1895, died Dec. 27, 1895; Ella Rosalee Anderson born Nov. 26, 1896, married Feb. 16, 1918, Amsterdam, Mo., Charley Cowley, has children Kenneth Clifton Cowley born Nov. 1, 1918, Charles Gerald Cowley born July 11, 1921, Opal Rosalee Cowley born Dec. 24, 1924, Doris Marie Cowley born Jan. 25, 1928, Roy Lee Cowley stillborn Mch. 29, 1932; Lillie Ethel Anderson born June 16, 1899, died July 5, 1901; Oscar Alvin Anderson born Apr. 9, 1904. The family moved to Amsterdam, Bates Co., Mo. Feb. 9, 1905.

Cliff Anderson married first Sept. 2, 1908 Bessie Lee Thornbrugh born Mch. 1, 1891, died Jan. 12, 1968, the 11th daughter of William V. Thornbrugh born May 22, 1842 and Abigail

Adams, died Apr. 12, 1928, of Amsterdam, Mo. They were divorced Dec. 5, 1930 and he married second Mrs. Rhoda Nelson. He farmed several years near Burdette, after his second marriage moved E. of Adrian, Bates Co., Mo., in 1934 to a farm SE of Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo., then a few years later bought the farm near Warrensburg, Johnson Co., Mo. where he lived the rest of his life. He was a farmer, horse breaker, breeder, livestock trader, and helped build highway 71 between Archie and Adrian using teams of horses. Cliff and Bessie Lee (Thornbrugh) Anderson had 4 children, Harrison Leroy (Johnnie), Lesley Earl, Ray Russell, and Dorothy Marie Anderson. By his second marriage he had stepchildren Ruth Nelson Hess, Naomi Nelson Johnston, Warren Nelson now deceased, and Robert Roy Nelson.

Harrison Leroy (Johnnie) Anderson was born Aug. 27, 1910, married Georgia Edwina Wilson born Dec. 5, 1912, died Oct. 14, 1971. They have two sons, Charles Buddy Anderson of Concord, Calif., born Feb. 18, 1933, married Nathalene Shrout, has 3 children, Cynthia Jane Anderson Mindrays born Jan. 1, 1957, Steven Eugene Anderson born Dec. 29, 1965, Susanne Marie Anderson born Aug. 4, 1970; and John Curtis Anderson of Kansas City, Mo., born Nov. 18, 1948.

Lesley Earl Anderson was born Mch. 4, 1913, married Hazel Loveland.

Ray Russell Anderson was born Dec. 29, 1920, Drexel, Mo., died Aug. 25, 1960 of a tractor accident, is buried Garden City, Mo. Cemetery, married July 24, 1942 Helen Johnson born Feb. 22, 1926. They have 3 daughters, Marlene Anderson born July 18, 1947, married June 18, 1965 Edward Zygmontowitz of Platte City, Mo., Marilyn Raye Anderson born May 14, 1951, married July 19, 1972, Garden City, Mo. Larry Davis, and Vicki Lynn Anderson born Nov. 25, 1954, married Jan. 20, 1972 Chris Egarsette, divorced, has daughter Lynn Marie Egarsette born June 19, 1972, lives Garden City, Mo.

Dorothy Marie Anderson was born Jan. 8, 1925, married Jan. 15, 1948 Ralph Audsley born Jan. 25, 1917, has 2 children Larry Russell Audsley born Sept. 20, 1948, married Feb. 19, 1975, Harrisonville, Tersa Walker, and Carol Sue Audsley married Feb. 20, 1970 Michael L. Shipley, has child Troy born Sept. 19, 1970, lives Freeman, Mo.

LESLEY EARL ANDERSON

Lesley Earl (Bill) Anderson, second son of Clifford Leroy and Bessie Lee (Thornbrugh) Anderson, was born Mch. 4, 1913 on a farm near Amsterdam, Bates Co., Mo., married Aug. 26, 1933 Hazel Irene Loveland born Nov. 13, 1911 at Virginia near Butler, Bates Co., Mo., daughter of Harve Edgar Loveland, 1881-1968, and LaVada Bell Hunizker born 1884. The other Loveland children were Pauline (McMeins) Bourland, Thelma Westhoff, Fred, Wesley, and Sidney who died in infancy. Hazel graduated from Woodland rural school, where her parents had gone, in 1925, from Drexel High School 3rd in her class, and where she played basketball 4 years, in 1929, and went to Warrensburg Teachers College 1930 then began teaching in her own district in the fall of 1931. She taught at Woodland School 3½ years. Earl attended rural schools McNeil and Burdette graduating from the latter 1926, worked at farming and jobs at the Phister ranch, hunted and trapped, and played regularly with the Main City baseball team.

In the spring after their marriage Earl and Hazel moved to a farm E. of Adrian, Mo., the following spring to Grider farm W. of Adrian, in 1937 to the White place in Cass Co., two years later to NW of Garden City, Mo., and in 1941 to the old Houder farm which they bought in 1947, now "Anderson Acres" where they raise, develop and deal with fine livestock. Earl and Hazel helped organize the Eight Mile 4-H Club 1945, Hazel serving as their first Community Leader and putting in over 20 years of leadership, Earl serving as an able beef and swine leader. Earle represented his district for years at the Soils & Crops Conference, served on Number Nine School Board over 20 years, served as Camp Branch Trustee besides playing baseball on the Garden City team. Hazel has been active in Farm Bureau Women's Activities, Republican Committeeman, election boards, Camp Branch Secretary, National Ground Observer Corps receiving a 1000 hour pin, member of Country Club Extension Club serving many offices, taught Sunday School, and Bible School at the Garden City Methodist Church where they have been members since 1943, taught 3 more terms of school at Choctaw, Houston and East Lynne and filled in as a substitute in most surrounding schools, and in 1975 received the Cass Co. "Mother of the Year" award.

Earl and Hazel Anderson have 4 children, Marilyn Irene, Kendall Earl, Donald Edgar, and Gary Clifford, who all attended Number Nine rural school and graduated from Harrisonville High School. All the sons became members of the Cass Co. 4-H livestock judging teams under guidance of H. M. Hunt, Cass Co. Extension Agent. In 1953 Kendall won a National 4-H judging contest at Chicago International enabling him to attend the University of Mo. 2 years on scholarship. All the children went to the University. Marilyn was Cass Co.'s first IFYE in 1956, to India.

Marilyn Irene Anderson was born May 14, 1934, married July 21, 1957 Charles R. Moreland born Sept. 4, 1933, son of L. C. and Thelma (Zehnder) Moreland of Harrisonville. They are dairy farmers N. of Harrisonville, have 4 children: Jay Calvin born June 6, 1958, Brenda Kay born Mch. 22, 1960, Michael Ray born Jan. 3, 1962, and Sherri Irene born Jan. 4, 1967; Kendall Earl Anderson was born Feb. 10, 1936, married Aug. 11, 1957 Beverly Jean Murdock born May 13, 1938, daughter of Arlo and Afalee (Babylon) Murdock of Harrisonville. Ken is an Extension Livestock Specialist. They have a new home on a corner of the homeplace E. of Harrisonville, and have 2 children: Bradley Mark born Mch. 21, 1959, and Lori Lynn born Oct. 3, 1963; Donald Edgar Anderson was born Sept. 22, 1941, married June 16, 1963 Betty Jean Sparks born Feb. 24, 1942, daughter of Harold and Ella Sparks of Monroe City, Mo. They have a grain farming operation W. of Monroe City, and have 2 sons: Donald Ray born Nov. 21, 1966, and Leslie Harold born Dec. 19, 1967; Gary Clifford Anderson was born Oct. 2, 1951, is farming with his parents and developing a herd of exotic cattle.

ED M. ANDREWS

Frances Cooke, a woolcomber from Blyth, England, and one of the original congregation at Scrooby, came to the new world aboard the "Mayflower" in 1620. Mrs. Dwight (Wanda) Roth and Mrs. Theron (Nina) Swigart are the daughters of E. M. and Thelma Pauline Cook Andrews and are direct descendants of Frances Cooke.

Cooke and his wife, who came to this country in 1623 aboard the "Ann", built their first home with those of the other elders of the colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Ed and Thelma Andrews moved to their first home in Cass County in 1941, on a place near Jaudon on Holmes Road south of Belton. They later moved northeast of Harrisonville on the farm that is presently occupied by the Twin Pines Country Club. In 1946 they moved to their farm three miles north of Harrisonville. Wanda and Nina, then ages four and three, were soon to attend school at Walnut Grove School District #66, just a few yards south of their home. They attended the Wal-Center 4-H Club and became members of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church.

In 1952 Thelma Cook Andrews passed away and the girls were kept by their great aunt, Mrs. Nina Keltner, who operated a turkey farm on the southeast edge of Harrisonville. Mr. Andrews continued to operate his dairy farm there until 1955, when he sold half of his farm to the City of Harrisonville for a lake. He then moved to Atchison County, Kansas, near Cummings. Wanda and Nina attended high school at Effingham, Kansas, but returned to live with Mrs. Keltner as soon as each had graduated from high school.

Wanda and Nina, 3 and 11, with mother and aunt Nina Keltner.

On July 8, 1962, Wanda married Dwight Allan Roth, son of Harold and Mildred Roth, who lived on a farm eight miles east of Harrisonville. They purchased the Dave and Mary Hershberger farm on Highway #2 one-half mile east of K Highway. They farmed in partnership with Harold and Mildred and in 1970 they joined in a family farm corporation called Roth Hereford Farms of Missouri, Inc. This was a second generation partnership, for Harold had farmed in partnership with his father, Frank, until Frank's retirement in 1957. Dwight and Wanda are active in the First Christian Church in Harrisonville and other community activities including 4-H, Farm Bureau, East Lynne School and Flying Farmers. In 1976 the Roth's established Roth Irrigation, selling various kinds of irrigation equipment. They have four sons: David Edwin, born August 16, 1963; Douglas Allen, born December 22, 1967; Dennis Andrew, born January 71, 1970; and Duane Franklin, born September 12, 1972.

On November 3, 1963, Nina married Theron Ross Swigart, son of Kenneth and Doris Swigart, who operated B & H Freight Lines. Nina and Theron lived in a mobile home on the southeast edge of the Swigart farm for three years until they purchased the Polar Kunze home at 801 E. Mechanic in Harrisonville. B & H Freight Lines incorporated in 1973, when Theron became general manager of the business, which had offices and docks in Kansas City, Grandview, Harrisonville and Clinton. Nina was a charter member of the Kappa Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International in Harrisonville and helped with other community activities, including church and 4-H programs. They have two children: Darrin Ross, born September 17, 1967, and Dena Lynne, born October 24, 1970.

JOHN M. APP

APP — The family of this name has almost disappeared from southern Cass County by now (1975) but from 1874 to 1925 it was prominent in farming and business. The family started just as the Civil War was ending when John M. and Harriet S. App arrived from Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania in a covered wagon. They were part of well established families of farmers and bankers and she was a granddaughter of a governor of Pennsylvania.

With one child born on the trip, which took more than one year, the family grew to 6 children. Ellen married and moved to Montana. Harry moved to California. George S., Katinka (Kitty), and Emily did not marry and spent their entire lives on or near the family farm. John O. did marry and never lived farther away than Adrian. Kitty and Emily continued to maintain a well organized home, as did their mother. They were quite good at painting in water colors and taught others. They carried on correspondence with leaders of Woman's Suffrage organizations and the W.T.C.U.

George App continued to operate the family farm, which was about 3 miles East of Archie. He is better remembered for his many, many acres of Grand River bottom land in both Cass and Bates Counties, which reached at one time or another from almost Archie to almost even with Dayton. He had threshing rigs, sawmills, a steam tractor that was too big for any farm at that time, he raised shetland ponies and had many other odd interests. He was even accused of stealing 20 miles of railroad. He would build a four room house of hard wood lumber from his sawmill for almost any one who wanted to farm on shares and usually neither of them made any profit. All this made him one of the four or five strongest supporters of the idea to dig the Grand River drainage ditch. While owners of upland received some damages for crossing their land, he was assessed only benefits. These benefits and falling farm prices after 1920 left him almost bankrupt and living in one of his own 4 room houses from which he moved to Montana and died at an old age in the 1940's.

John O. App was almost a complete opposite to his brother. He farmed several years and then took over the management of the Austin Inland Telephone Co., which the two had started in Austin with 7 patrons. It grew to have exchanges at Archie, Adrian, Belton, Creighton, Ballard, Merwin and other towns in Cass and Bates Counties. He was a staunch Republican and Methodist. (The parents were Charter members of the Methodist Church at Austin). He was a delegate to the

convention that nominated Warren G. Harding. His wife was Maria Roberts, whose father had a drug store in Austin. Their descendants still living in Cass County (1976) are: Mable Morriss, Marjorie and Wendell Patterson, Harriet, Urson C. Jr. and Jason Logue, Linda, Ann and Lee Zellmer and Helen (Becker) Henderson, of Belton. Most of the family are buried in Austin Cemetery.

JIMMIE EUGENE ARNOLD

Jimmie Eugene Arnold, born Feb. 17, 1942, only child of Frank Milton Arnold, born Nov. 16, 1893 and Linnie Lucille (Osborn) Arnold, born Dec. 30, 1902, of Drexel, Mo., married Carole Lynne Hodges, born April 18, 1942, youngest daughter of Lee Philip Hodges, born Feb. 9, 1898 and Phyllis Marie (Robinson) Hodges, born July 30, 1906 of Archie, Mo., on Sept. 1, 1961. They are the parents of April Lynne Arnold, born Sept. 21, 1965; Anne Marie Arnold, born Oct. 5, 1967; Erin Leigh Arnold, born April 30, 1973. The three girls and their parents were born at Butler, Bates Co., Missouri. The Jim Arnolds reside on the farm west of Archie where Carole Lynne was raised.

Jim and Carol Lynne both graduated from Archie High School in 1960. Jim is the parts manager of a car dealership and also farms. He has served as trustee on the Austin Township Board and on the County ASCS Committee.

Carole Lynne is the President of the Archie Achievement Club, Vice Pres. of the Cass County Homemakers Extension Club Council and secretary of the Cass Co. Extension Council.

The Arnold family is active in the First Baptist Church of Archie.

JOHN ROBERT ARNOLD

John Robert Arnold and Catherine Peters were married August 6, 1874. They lived on joining farms 4 miles east of Raymore on #58 Highway. The Peters farm joined the Arnold farm on the south coming out to the by-pass near the Bethany Church.

The Peters family came from Jacksonville, Illinois in the spring of 1867. John Arnold came to Missouri in 1868 from Waverly, Illinois when he was 21. He bought the farm soon after his arrival in Missouri and it is still owned by one of the family, a grandson, Jim Mulligan.

The children of the Arnold family were: Jimmie, who died as a boy; Homer, who lived in the vicinity close by and whose daughter is Maurine Wyatt of Belton; Edna King, 90 years old of El Cajon, California and the mother of two daughters, Bertha and Mary Ellen of California; Ada Dobson, deceased in 1913, whose daughters are Johnnie Kathryn Spradling of Kirksville, Mo., and Pauline Jergenson of Harrisonville; Willis, whose wife Myrtle Stultz Arnold, and their daughter, Betty Jean Johnston, both reside in Raymore and another daughter, Louise Hoback in California; Ida Mulligan whose family consists of Geraldine Pierson of North Kansas City; Dick, deceased in 1945; Helen of Grandview, and Jim, living on the Mulligan home place east of Raymore.

The Arnolds were members of the Raymore Methodist Church. Mr. Arnold served on the church board until his health prevented his attendance. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August of 1924. Mr. Arnold passed away the following year. Mrs. Arnold lived until 1953, to the age of 97 years.

GEORGE WILLIAM ASH

George William Ash (1884-1951) was born near Climax Springs, Mo. to Rachel Ellen (Hart) (1837-1922) and William Henry Ash (1835-1920). He had three brothers and four sisters: Henry, Saud, James, Ada Butts, Mary Bell, Ella, and Annie Houseworth. He also had three half-brothers by his mother's previous marriage: William, Edward C. and Thomas Benton Bishop. The Ash family, (sometimes spelled Ashe), was of English descent and originally from Tenn., as was the Hart family of French descent. For several generations prior to 1900, the Ash families worked with lumber, living on timbered farms of Camdon Co., Mo. where several owned saw mills.

George William Ash was united in marriage to Mary Rebecca Hankins (1884-1947) at Crittenden, Mo. Mary (Mollie) was the daughter of Amanda Lucinda (Robertson) (1856-1916) and John Hankins, and was born in Linn Creek, Mo. She had two brothers and two sisters: William and Arg Hankins, Effie Urssery and Ida Flippen. Her father, John, died in 1887 during a typhoid epidemic at the age of 36.

Nine children were born to Mollie and George Ash. The family came to Cass Co. in 1916 where George was employed by Cook & Hodkins which is the Armacost Ranch, today located south of Belton. They moved to Pleasant Hill in 1928, their last home being on No. Campbell, a two-story brick house across from the Kellogg Lake. The house was damaged beyond repair in the 1964 tornado. The nine Ash children are the following.

Stella May Ash (1902-1930) married Claude Richey of Monegaw Springs, Mo. on Sept. 27, 1919. They were the parents of five children: Gladys Lorene Richey is married to Donald Lee Church and they have two children, Lora Lee Byers and Ray Donald Church (d.). They also have four children by Gladys' previous marriage, Frances Kay Honer, Clyde Wallace Ralph, Claudie Lee Ralph (d.) and Jackie Lee Ralph. They have ten grandchildren; James William Richey and wife Hazel have four children, Connie L. Chamberlin, Patti Hall, Phyllis Layland, James Richey and six grandchildren; John Thomas (Jack) Richey and wife, Lee, have one child by Lee's previous marriage, Carrie D. Bassil; Joseph Emerson Richey and wife, Roberta, have one child, Robert J. Richey, and two grandchildren; Flossie May Richey and her husband, Marvin Church, have two children, Jimmie and Thomas E. Church. These families live in Kansas, mainly the Wichita area. Claude Richey has a son, Kenneth, by his second marriage.

John William "Floyd" Ash married Mable Kate Helt, daughter of Lula Mae and John Franklin Helt, on May 11, 1927. Floyd was employed at the Vario Veneer Corp. in Pleasant Hill before retiring and still resides there as do his children. They are the parents of three children: Billy Franklin Ash married Anna Christen Phoff and they have six children, Michael Wayne, Gary Lee, Patricia Anne, John Edward, Kathleen Dianne and Sherri Lyn; Donald Lee Ash married Peggy Lou Murry and their children are, Dannie Ray and Pamela Sue; Judith Carol Ash married Marvin Lee Christesen.

Flossie E. Ash married John Wesley McKinley of Belton, on March 21, 1924. They retired from dairying in 1968 and reside on their farm at Jaudon. They have three daughters: Margie Mae McKinley married D. Kent Dimick and they have four children, Dana K., Damon K., Diana K., D. Kevin, and two grandchildren; Dorothy Ellen McKinley married G. Barker Lane III and they have one daughter, Sandra Edith; Mary Idell McKinley married Billy Dean Laffoon and they have a daughter, Brenda Lee.

G. Inez Ash (1909-1954) married Lawrence Bockenstette on Nov. 28, 1938. They were active in the Plum Grove community with Lawrence's two daughters, Zelma and Helen Hope. The family lived at the Westoak Farm on 7 Hi-way where Lawrence still resides.

Goldie P. Ash was born Aug. 29, 1911 near Climax Springs, Mo. She died Feb. 4, 1930 and is buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery with her parents.

Gordie A. Ash married Jesse Ruben Graham on Oct. 10, 1931. Jesse was employed as the county locksmith for Imperial Co., Calif. before retiring and they are residents of El Centro, Calif. Four children were born to this union: Jesse R. Graham Jr. married Bessie Lou Harveky and they have three children, Becky Lyn, Dale Eugene and Brian; Benjamin Leon Graham married Betty Lou Price and they have two children, Ricky Leon and Pamela Denice; Bobby Jean Graham and Roberta Ann Mitchell have two children, Debbra Lean and Bobby Jean Graham II; Sharon May Graham married Larry E. Hudson and they have two children, Tracy Ann and Bonnie Jo.

George Lloyd Ash married Lucy Nadine Sayers, daughter of Daisy and Robert Cecil Sayers, on Aug. 25, 1947. They have one daughter, Linda Leigh (Ash) Hammontree. Linda married James Cedar Hammontree and they have one son James Wheeler. George served with the Army in the European Theatre of WW II. He has been employed twenty-two years at Bendix Aviation Corp, as a tool and die maker. They are residents of Pleasant Hill as is Linda and her family.

Ida G. Ash married Virgil Martin Austin and they and their family live in the Los Angeles, Calif. area where Virgil was employed as maintenance supervisor for the Manchester Tank & Equipment Co. before retiring. They have one daughter, Shirley Ellen (Austin) Olson, and one daughter by Ida's previous marriage, Patricia Earlene (Like) Lehmann. Pat is married to John Henry Lehmann and they have two children, John Henry, III and Teresa Renay. Shirley and R. C. Olson have two daughters Angela Sue and Jenifer Christine.

Mary Ellen Ash (1920-1968) was married in 1937 to (l.) Jack Phelps (d. 1939), (2.) James Mendenhall of Los Angeles, Calif. who died in 1951. She married Dain Brock and lived in Colorado Springs, Colo. where they lost an infant daughter, Mary Ellen, in 1956. Mary Ellen (Ash) is buried at Angeles Abby Memorial Park, Paramount, Calif.

JOHN FRANKLIN ATKINSON

Frank Atkinson was born June 1, 1855 on a farm southwest of Harrisonville which had been homesteaded by his grandfather Elijah Bailey Atkinson in 1834. He was one of seven children: William Ezra, Dora Elizabeth (Barnard), Permelia Catherine (Minnie Clatworthy), Elijah Bailey, Sarah Ann (Richardson) and Milo J. Frank spent his life in Cass County.

He received his education in the local schools, and attended Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas. In 1888, when he was 22, Frank Atkinson started a business career that extended over a period of 58 years. He started in Freeman where he had a general merchandise store until 1903. After four years with the Union Pacific Railroad, he resigned to accept management of the Cass County Telephone Company where he remained until June 1, 1916. During this time, he became owner of the Globe Trading Company of Harrisonville. This firm passed out of existence Feb. 1, 1916 and was supplanted by the A.-C. Mercantile Company of which Mr. Atkinson was president. His first partner was Mr. George Cable. Later his sister Minnie Atkinson Clatworthy entered the firm. Mr. Atkinson retained management of the firm until his retirement, May, 1, 1946, at which time his daughter Eldine and her husband James E. Weaver assumed management. The store was founded upon the principles of fair trade and honesty with the slogan "The One Price Daylight Saving Store." The "Daylight Saving" referred to the large skylight which enabled the lady shoppers to accurately assess the quality of dye in the fabrics, which in those days was unstable in some materials Mr. Atkinson offered for sale only high quality merchandise and became a successful merchant. The store remained in operation in its original site on the west side of the Harrisonville square from 1916 until Eldine Atkinson Weaver retired in May 1969.

Mr. Atkinson's astuteness in business coupled with a mechanical ability make him a natural leader in civic affairs in Harrisonville. He was for many years president of the Board of Public Works and was instrumental in seeing his home town acquire a municipal water and light system in 1929. His interest in that project continued long after his work with the board was completed. He and Cleo Brown collaborated in inventing and patenting a multiple cone water aereator which was marketed internationally. One of the aereators is still in use in the purification process of the local water plant. Frank Atkinson also supervised the construction of the school auditorium in Harrisonville.

On November 6, 1888, John Franklin Atkinson and Martha Jane Richardson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Freeman, Missouri. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Katherine Richardson. Her father had come to Missouri from the Hudson River Valley in New York state. She had one brother Charles Wesley Richardson.

Martha Jane and Frank, having had no children, took into their home and later adopted their little great niece, Eldine Barnard, daughter of their nephew Lloyd Eldon Barnard. The child's mother was a victim of the World War I influenza epidemic and died January 1919 in Kansas City, Kansas when

Eldine was two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson loved and cherished their little daughter as their own, and she remains still living in the home which Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson built in 1918, having been married there and rearing her four children in this home.

Mr. Atkinson became an elder in the Presbyterian Church and following the dissoulution of the Harrisonville congregation, kept his membership in the Freeman Presbyterian Church until his death. He attended the Methodist Church in Harrisonville. He was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Order.

Frank Atkinson remained steadfast in his interest in education which had been a prime factor in his entire life. In his later years, his great loves were his grandsons, James, Christopher and Michael Weaver with whom he had endless joy. His death occurred June 16, 1956 at the home on East Pearl Street, at the age of 90.

LEROY AND ROBERT ATKINSON

Leroy Atkinson, oldest child of Millard W. and Bertha Kight Atkinson, was born 28 June, 1899 West of Harrisonville. Roy and Bessie Easterla, the daughter of Charles and Emma Knapp Easterla, were married on 30 December, 1923 in Blue Springs, Mo. Bessie was born in Eastern Jackson County Missouri on 2 September, 1902.

Roy and Bessie lived in Everett, Mo. where Roy operated the National Garage until they moved to Archie in 1927. He owned and operated several different businesses including the Atkinson-Easterla Grocery Store in partnership with his brother-in-law Clarence Easterla, a movie theatre, skating rink, truck line and an automobile agency. He became a funeral director in Archie in 1927, later establishing a partnership with his brother Floyd in Harrisonville and Archie, known as Atkinson Brothers. In 1947 the firm expanded to Garden City, Mo.

Roy and Bessie Atkinson are the parents of four children, three daughters and one son.

Nadine Atkinson Lethcho was born 21 October, 1924 in Everett, Mo. She is the wife of Donald Lethcho and they are the parents of two children: Michael Lethcho and Donene (Mrs. Larry) Cantrell.

Wilma Atkinson Dickey was born on 18 March, 1926 in Everett, Mo. She is married to Billy J. Dickey. Their children are: Billy Bob Dickey, Sharon (Melvin) Burris, Lou Ann (Richard) Jacobs, and Gerald Dickey.

Lois Atkinson Day was born 16 January, 1933 in Archie, Mo. She is the wife of Charlie Bill Day of Archie, Mo. They have two daughters who are: Vickie (Wayne) Sutton and Miss Debbie Day.

Robert W. Atkinson, the only son of Leroy and Bessie Atkinson, was born 7 November, 1929 in Archie, Mo. He graduated from Archie High School with the class of 1947, and attended Missouri Valley College at Marshall, Mo. He attended the Kansas City College of Mortuary Science 1949-1950 and served from 1951 to 1953 in the U.S. Air Force in Austin, Texas.

Robert was married to Jean L. Kennedy, the daughter of Lyle and Grace Uhrig Kennedy, on 31 December, 1950. She was born 7 February, 1931 in Harrisonville. They are the parents of four sons: William Lee Atkinson, born 6 January, 1953 in Travis County, Texas; David Roy Atkinson, born 26 October, 1954 in Harrisonville; Robert Lyle Atkinson born 8 March, 1959; and Paul Edward Atkinson born 17 September, 1964.

When Robert Atkinson was discharged from the Air Force he returned with his family to Harrisonville, where on 1 August, 1953 he purchased one half interest in the Atkinson Brothers Funeral Home from his uncle, Floyd Atkinson. In 1956 the Atkinson-Dickey Funeral Home of Garden City, Mo. combined with the Atkinson Brothers Funeral Home of Harrisonville and Archie to form a new partnership of Roy Atkinson, Billy J. Dickey and Robert Atkinson, changing the names of all places to Atkinson-Dickey. In 1967 they purchased a funeral home in Adrian, Mo.

Robert Atkinson is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Harrisonville. He served on the Cass R 9 Board of Education from 1963-1974, was appointed to serve on the first Harrisonville Park Board in 1963, is a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Boy Scout Committee and a former member of the Lions Club. He is a licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director in the state of Missouri, and is a member of National and Missouri Funeral Directors Assoc. He is also past president of the Fourth District Funeral Directors Assoc. of Mo.

Jean Kennedy Atkinson graduated from the Harrisonville High School with the Class of 1949 and attended Central Mo. State College. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Bayard Chap. 179, Order of Eastern Star, a charter member of Harrisonville Assembly #36 Order of Rainbow for Girls and now serves on their Advisory Board and as Mother Advisor.

The family of Millard and Bertha Atkinson have had a vital part and interest in Cass County for more than 75 years. With the exception of Ralph Atkinson and his family, all of their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are citizens of Cass County and very proud of it.

MILLARD W. ATKINSON

Allen Reed Atkinson was born 17 September, 1837 in Orange County Indiana, the son of Elijah B. and Rachel R. Atkinson. On 4 September, 1962 he was mustered into Co. A, 126 Regiment of Illinois Volunteers (Union) at Alton, Ill. He served until 12 July 1865. He came to Cass County where he married Lucy Ellen Kivett who was born 25 January, 1842 in Liberty, North Carolina. Their children were Theodore Wayland, Millard Winfield, Ida, Ada Frances, Roy Romeo, and Mary Hattie. Allen died on 3 May, 1905 and Lucy 8 October, 1913.

Millard Winfield Atkinson was born 9 July, 1874 West of Harrisonville. He married Bertha Jane Kight, the daughter of Daniel and Shara Gundy Kight, on 24 November, 1898 in Harrisonville. Bertha was born 3 April, 1880 in Danville, Illinois.

Millard and Bertha Atkinson made their home near Harrisonville until 1908 when they moved to a 360 acre farm one mile West of Everett, Cass Co. They lived there the rest of their lives and both of them died there, Millard on 14 February, 1959 and Bertha 4 May, 1965. Both are buried in the Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

They were the parents of ten children. One child died in infancy, one daughter died at age 13 months and another daughter, Dorothy, was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 21 years. Other children are: Leroy, Floyd, Clyde, Ralph, Helen, Howard, and Morris.

Floyd Atkinson married Mildred Limpus. They have two sons, Dale and Larry.

Clyde Atkinson married Allene Noel. They were the parents of two children, Richard Atkinson and Doretta Atkinson Sliffe. Allene died on 6 April, 1954 and Clyde on 19 October, 1968. They are buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

Ralph Atkinson married Bernice Fisher in Cass County. The couple moved to California where their daughter, Monica Atkinson Ogle was born. Ralph died 9 August, 1960 and is buried in California.

Howard married Audrey VanSandt. Their children are Leo Atkinson, Marvin Atkinson, Orma Jean Atkinson Kagarice, and Edith Marie Atkinson.

Morris married May Adams. Their children are Lyle Lee Atkinson and Shirley Boucher. Morris (called Sid) died 19 October, 1968. He is buried in the Freeman Cemetery.

THEODORE WAYLAND ATKINSON

Theodore Wayland Atkinson was born in the south edge of Harrisonville, Mo. on March 1, 1869. His parents were Allen A. Atkinson (Sept. 17, 1837-May 3, 1905) and Lucy Ellen Kivett Lane (Jan. 25, 1842-Sept. 8, 1913).

Allen Atkinson was a Union soldier and came to Missouri around 1864. He was Scotch-Irish. Lucy Ellen Kivett Lane migrated from N. Carolina in the early 1800's, bringing with her, two sons: Henry Lane and Randolph Lane. No other work being available, she was forced to cut her hair and do farm labor to support her sons. She worked for Johnny Briles near Mt. Zion School, then met and married Allen Atkinson. They made their home in Harrisonville and were parents of Theodore Wayland, Millard Winfield, Ida, Ada Frances, Roy Romeo, and Mary Hattie.

Theodore Wayland Atkinson married Rosetta Florence Long, daughter of William Alexander Long and Mary Jane (Martindale) Long, pioneer Cass County residents on March 12, 1894. William Alexander Long was born March 28, 1855, Cincinnati, Green Co., Indiana, and died April 25, 1930 in Harrisonville, Mo. He married Mary Jane Martindale August 18, 1874. They moved to Jackson Co., Mo., where he hauled freight with oxen. The log cabin that presently marks the Santa Fe Trail was their home. They joined the Besonia Baptist Church. In 1888 Mr. and Mrs. Long came to Cass County, buying a farm three miles west of Harrisonville, which he cleared of virgin timber and broke out with oxen. He sold the wood in Harrisonville for $1 a cord to pay for the farm and a one room log cabin he constructed. Mr. Long was a very successful farmer and soon constructed a large home and farm buildings. They were members of the Flynn's Chapel Methodist Church. To this union two children were born: Rosetta Florence Long (Jan. 15, 1879-Mar. 22, 1957) and Joseph Isaac Long (1884-1898).

Theodore and Rosie Atkinson lived their entire lives in and around Harrisonville, where Mr. Atkinson devoted his life to farming. They were members of Flynn's Chapel Methodist Church. Of this union, six children were born: Mary Ellen Atkinson Hiler (July 5, 1895-May 11, 1950); Minnie Myrtle Atkinson Crider (Jan. 18, 1899); Charles Sylvester Atkinson (July 19, 1902); Elsie Marie Atkinson Spencer Fowler (Aug. 5, 1906); Cleta May Atkinson Liley (Nov. 4, 1908); Harley Ray Atkinson (Mar. 27, 1912-Sept. 25, 1975). There were 19 grandchildren.

Charles Sylvester Atkinson was born two miles west of Harrisonville July 19, 1902 and grew to young manhood there. He married Opal Adalene Wagner (daughter of Douglas Charles Wagner). She was born May 31, 1904 one mile east of Harrisonville. (See Douglas Charles Wagner history elsewhere). They lived and farmed near Harrisonville. Mr. Atkinson was on the Bills School Board nine years, a member of Grand River Lodge #276 AF & AM, Freeman, Mo. (Past Master), is Past High Priest of Signet Chap. #68 RAM, Harrisonville, Mo., was a member of Knights Templar Bayard Commandary No. 62. He has earned several Masonic proficiency certificates and did 4-H work. Mrs. Atkinson graduated for the Harrisonville High School and worked in Kansas City for a few years. She was active in Flynn's Chapel Aid, PTA, Bills Community Club, and 4-H. At the present time they are retired and living in a new home they built in Harrisonville, where they are active in the Senior Citizens group. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson belong to the First Christian Church of Harrisonville.

Four daughters were born of this union: Dixie Lou (Atkinson) Dean Kirk (Dec. 21, 1930) (see Bill H. Kirk history); Charlene Ann (Atkinson) Tirey (Aug. 27, 1932); Marie Frances (Atkinson) Fisher (June 9, 1934); Opal Louise (Atkinson) Bass Oringderff (Oct. 28, 1939). There are eleven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ATKINSON

Born in Orange County, Indiana, February 4, 1834. His father Elijah Bailey Atkinson was a native of Lincoln County, Kentucky and his mother Rachel (Reid) Atkinson came originally from the same state, but from the age of two was reared in Indiana. Thomas Jefferson was the third in a family of ten children, three of whom, Elijah Bailey, Fancis M. and Mary (Atkinson) Patterson lived in Cass County. In 1842 the family came to Cass County where his parents Elijah Bailey and Rachel (Reid) Atkinson patented land from the government and established their farm home south of the city of Harrisonville.

Thomas Jefferson Atkinson was married November 10, 1857 to Miss Mary Jones Saunders, daughter of Samuel Saunders. She was a native of Virginia, born in Brunswick County, Virginia April 1, 1836. She came with her family to Missouri when six years of age, and lived on the family farm which is now a portion of Harrisonville. The old house and immediate premises took up ground on which Oakland Cemetery now stands. The original graves were those of the Sounders family on their farm land.

During the War Between the States, Thomas and Mary, under stress of Order Number Eleven, departed Cass County with only the possessions they could move in their wagon. Following the war they returned to their farm in Cass County to find that their home had been burned and only two chimneys remained. They rebuilt and pursued a prosperous farming enterprise.

While living in Illinois during the War, the Atkinsons who had one son, William Ezra, became the parents of a daughter, Permelia Catherine (Minnie Clatworthy) and Dora Elizabeth (Barnard) later upon their return to Missouri, there were born three sons and a daughter: Elijah Bailey, John Franklin, Sarah Ann (Richardson) and Milo J.

Mr. Atkinson was devoted to the cause of education and was instrumental in bringing into being the first rural schools in his portion of the county.

Thomas Jefferson Atkinson was preceeded in death by his wife, Mary Jones Saunders Atkinson who at the age of 75 died at their home on South Independence street in Harrisonville, November, 1911. She had for eight years been confined to a wheel chair, crippled by rheumatoid arthritis.

Mr. Atkinson died in Harrisonville February 14, 1917 at the age of 83 years. At the time of his death he was cared for in the home of his daughter Minnie (Permelia Catherine) Clatworthy.

MARTIN BAILEY

Martin Bailey was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on June 11, 1844 and came to the Cass County area after the close of the Civil War. On July 3, 1873 he married Irene Scott. She was born in Cynthiana, Kentucky on Aug. 6, 1853 and came to this area from Kentucky with her father, Capt. Robert Scott, shortly after the end of the Civil War. Capt. Scott's farm was in Polk Township. Irene lived the early part of her life with her uncle, Henry Van Hook, near Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Martin Bailey was a teacher before his marriage. His farm was in Polk Township. He sold stock at the Kansas City stockyards. He was a Mason and active in Republican politics. He died June 9, 1897 as the result of an injury he received in the Civil War. Irene died Nov. 12, 1945.

They had eight children: John, Charles, Archelaus, Francis, Kate, Jessie, Roscoe and Mary. John, Archelaus and Francis died in childhood.

Charles Bailey, a farmer, was born Aug. 13, 1876 in Cass County. On Nov. 20, 1901, he married Pearl Seaton, who was born in Cass County on Jan. 31, 1880. Charles attended Baker University and was a Mason. He died Feb. 7, 1921 and Pearl died Sept. 9, 1916. They had three children, Barbara, Ruth and Catherine. Ruth and Catherine died in their late teens. Barbara married William Douglas Wood, a Civil Engineer, from Edgerton, Wis., on July 2, 1928. There are no descendants.

Kate Bailey was born Sept. 9, 1882 and married Marcus Redford in 1908. There were no children and she died March 9, 1962.

Jessie Barbara Bailey was born Dec. 19, 1885 and died Aug. 30, 1971. She attended Missouri University at Columbia, Missouri. She was unmarried.

Roscoe Bailey was born Aug. 6, 1888. He was an Electrical Engineer. He married a nurse, Virginia Schnatterly, of Kinsley, Kansas. They had two children: Lois, born Dec. 1923 and Doris, born Feb. 1927. Roscoe was Ensign in the Naval Air Force in World War I and was a Mason. He died Dec. 16, 1972.

Mary Irene Bailey was born Dec. 15, 1893 and married Dr. Albert Geyer Loomis, a chemist, on Nov. 27, 1919. They had one child, William Bailey Loomis, born Sept. 13, 1923. Mary died May 16, 1930.

All the Bailey girls were teachers, including the niece, Clay C. Watkins, whom they helped raise.

Martin's father, Charles, was born May 25, 1793 in Hanover, Mass. and came as a young man to Crawfordsville, Indiana. He married Catherine Van Hook, a descendant of Archelaus Van Hook.

The original Thomas Bailey came from England to Boston in 1643. John Bailey moved to (Scituate) Hanover in 1670.

The mother of Irene Scott, wife of Martin Bailey, was Hannah Van Hook, and a descendant of Abner Van Hook, a Revolutionary soldier. Archelaus and Abner were brothers.

All the Cass County Baileys, which includes all the children of Martin and Irene, are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, as is Capt. Robert Scott, his sister, Mary Cummings and his second wife, Barbara Bailey Scott, an older sister of Martin Bailey.

WILLIAM BAILEY

William Bailey, son of David Bailey, was born in Knox Co. Tenn. came to Cass Co., Missouri in 1839. He married Frances (believed to be Raeburn). Their children were: William Jackson Riley, Amanda, Martha Jane, Thomas C. After Frances' death, he married Mrs. Sarah Givens in 1848. They had a daughter, Sarah. William Jackson Riley Bailey married, March 7, 1844, Elizabeth Story, a daughter of Greene Emery Story and his wife Matilda (Hensley) Story. William and Elizabeth's children were: Greene Emery Story (1845), Sarah Matilda (1847), William Pleasant (1850), George Middleton (1852), James Riley (1855), Mary Jane (1856), Stephen F. (1860), Andrew Jackson (1866) and Eddie E. (1869). William Jackson Riley Bailey and son, Stephen F. both died in March 1880 within three days. Elizabeth, his wife, married second, William M. Templeton and third, Thomas Stubblefield.

RICHARD E. BALL

Richard E. (Dick) Ball was born Aug. 10, 1924, Chicago, Ill. and married Sept. 24, 1966 Margaret J. (Meg) Johnson born Feb. 16, 1934, Chicago. They have children Karin Elizabeth Ball born Apr. 23, 1968 and Julie Lorraine Ball born July 6, 1969, both born Harrisonville, Mo. The Balls moved to Harrisonville from Los Angeles, Calif. July 8, 1967. He is a staff engineer with the Bendix Corp. When they met Meg was living in San Francisco and Dick courted her by private airplane, flying his Cessna to San Francisco for weekends. After marriage they lived a while in Arleta, Calif. but did not want to rear their children in the Los Angeles area so Dick requested a transfer and received the best offer from Kansas City, Mo., where they arrived May 30, 1967 and began looking for a farm. Neither had ever lived on a farm but it had been Dick's childhood dream. They found their present "Balpointe Farm" which had been owned by Vincent and Alma Haug for 25 years and on which the house had been built shortly after the Civil War. Patt Devlin of Kansas City named the farm "Ball Point" because it is reportedly the highest point in Cass Co., and the name caught on so was kept with spelling modified. The Balpointe brand is a capital B inside a curved triangle. In the summer of 1976 the Balls began restoration of the farmhouse to its original appearance, planning also an addition to the rear for extra space.

Dick was born Richard Edward Serkowski. His father later changed his own mame to Ted S. Brandon and lives in Oceanside, Calif. Dick adopted the surname of his stepfather in early childhood. His mother, Florence L. Ball, retired to Harrisonville Oct. 1975 but returned to Chicago the following year. She was born Florence Lorraine Wojtas and reared in Hegwisch, a Polish community of Chicago, where she met and married Dick's father. She passed on the many Polish traditions and customs, especially of Christmas, that the Ball family maintained. Dick was educated at Lake Forrest Academy, just north of Chicago, and the University of Southern California. Meg had attended 22 schools by the time she graduated from high school, studied Theatre Arts at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and had traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East. Her father, Paul M. Johnson, is a construction engineer, which necessitated much moving around, and her mother, Helen Smith Johnson, had pursued a career in the theatre before her marriage. Paul Johnson is the youngest of 6 children, the 4 eldest born in Sweden. He has recently retired as Vice President and General Manager of Charles Luckman Associates, a planning-architecture-engineering firm in Los Angeles, and serves as a construction management consultant. Helen Johnson, an enthusiastic collector of antiques, especially dolls, pursues her hobby by exhibiting at various antique shows near their home in Playa del Rey, Calif. At Balpointe Farm, along with farm crops, the Balls started raising hogs but soon turned to a more satisfying operation, raising Santa Gertrudis cattle.

HENRY BARNARD

Henry Barnard was born around 1825 in England and came with his parents, William and E. W. (Cross) Barnard to the U.S., landing in New York City June 1, 1831. They settled in St. Joseph Co., Mich. In 1852, with others, Henry Barnard sailed to Melbourne, Australia, and engaged in gold mining for some 13 years. He returned to Mich. in 1866 then in June 1868 or 1869 he came to Cass Co., Mo., bought several hundred acres of land and started farming. He married Dec. 20, 1880 Emma Hilbus, born around 1850, Mo., daughter of Joseph Hilbus.

Their daughter Eliza W. Barnard was born May 30, 1883 in the farm home 2½ miles N. of Peculiar, Mo. She attended Harrelson School 3 years but stopped school at an early age to help work on the farm. Her lack of formal education was more than balanced by her spirit of helpfulness to others and her goodness and strength of character. On Feb. 15, 1906 she married Alva B. Howard, born Mo. They lived at the farm home N. of Peculiar until 1946 when they moved to Peculiar. They were always active in the life of the community, were members of the Methodist Church of Peculiar, and Alva was a member of the Peculiar School Board for 25 years. Alva Howard died May 1951 and Eliza Howard died July 1959.

Alva and Eliza Howard had 5 children: Mrs. W. R. (Mary) Chaffin of Peculiar, Mo.; Mrs. C. A. (Louise) Jones of Flippen, Ark.; Barney Howard of Peculiar, Mo.; Pat Howard of Concord, Calif.; and John Howard of Peculiar, Mo.

DeWITT CLINTON BARNETT

D. C. Barnett was born June 19, 1850, Edinburg, Johnson Co., Ind., son of Ambrose D. and Saphronia (Riggs) Barnett. He attended high school at Nineveh, Ind. and secured a B.A. degree June 1, 1875 from the University of Ind. To earn money for his college education he taught school and later served as principal of the schools at Knightsville and Franklin, Ind. While teaching school he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Franklin and later to the Cass Co., Mo. bar before Judge Noah M. Given. In 1884 he established himself in general practice in Harrisonville.

Soon after arriving in Harrisonville Mr. Barnett became an instructor in the summer Normal School, teaching one term, then worked for the four-year high school project then being agitated in Harrisonville. In 1886 he was appointed a member of the Harrisonville Board of Education, becoming secretary, in 1888 was elected to the School Board. In 1888 he signed the diplomas for the first graduating class, 5 members, from the four-year high school, and signed diplomas for all other graduates for 50 years. He once stated that the crowning event during his secretaryship was the erection of the high school building, 1925, at a cost of $67,500.00.

Mr. Barnett served as city attorney for 2 terms and as prosecuting attorney for Cass Co. Jan. 1, 1903 to Jan. 1, 1907. The outstanding case he prosecuted was of the State of Mo. against E. B. Soper for the murder of his sleeping wife and 2 children on the night of Apr. 21, 1891. Mr. Barnett secured a conviction and Soper was hung in the Harrisonville jail, his being the second and last legal hanging in Cass Co.

Mr. Barnett was superintendent of the local Christian Church from June 10, 1884 to Jan. 1, 1907, then became superintendent of the Union Sunday School, held in the local Presbyterian Church until that denomination disorganized

1927. During World War I he was assigned by the Federal Government to secret work of which he never divulged the nature.

D. C. Barnett married Nov. 4, 1886 Ida Burney, daughter of James A. and America (Moore) Burney of Peculiar, Mo. They had 5 children: Dudley Burney Barnett; Charles Clinton Barnett born July 26, 1889, died Dec. 1, 1910, who held positions in the Bank of Harrisonville, Citizens Bank of Belton, and organized the Bank of West Line; Mary Edith Barnett; Henry Leonard Barnett born 1895, died July 27, 1899; Margaret Elizabeth Barnett born July 17, 1902 who was a primary teacher and consultant in the Kansas City public schools until her retirement, lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Dudley Burney Barnett born Aug. 25, 1887, died July 18, 1963, married Mch. 21, 1909 Goldie Bruce of Pleasant Hill who died Dec. 21, 1921. Before moving from Harrisonville in the 1920s he served as cashier of the Bank of Harrisonville and as Cass Co. Coroner. Their children were Henry Clinton and Mayme Pearl. Henry Clinton Barnett born May 31, 1910 became a Presbyterian minister, at Ellsworth, Kans. and the Paseo Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, retiring after 41 years in the ministry, married June 22, 1935 Ruth Chenowith of Chicago, Ill., has children Sandra Jean born Oct. 10, 1938, married Sept. 2, 1960 Donald Brake of Stanton, Mich., lives Leavenworth, Kans., has children David born Feb. 20, 1966 and Deborah born May 25, 1967; Richard Baity born Apr. 5, 1941, married July 10, 1965 Joan Isaly of Mansfield, O., lives Charlottesville, Va., has children Jennifer Elaine born June 8, 1971 and daughter unnamed born Apr. 13, 1976; Brian Stanley born Nov. 23, 1947, married Sept. 2, 1967 Penny Simmons of Traverse City, Mich., lives Vero Beach, Fla., has child Michelle born Apr. 20, 1974. Mayme Pearl Barnett born May 28, 1917, married Jan. 25, 1942 William E. Ward of Kansas City, Kans., lives Wichita, Kans., has twin sons born Aug. 31, 1946, William Edward, lawyer, of Lawrence, Kans., and Robert Barnett, lawyer, of Cedar Rapids, Ia. who married Aug. 15, 1970 Martha Dalton of Wichita, Kans.

Mary Edith Barnett born Mch. 12, 1893, married Mch. 25, 1916 Roy J. Denham of Harrisonville, had children Mary Doris and Roy John Jr. Mary Doris Denham born Feb. 18, 1917, married first Apr. 18, 1937 Robert L. Bogar of Freeman, Mo. who died Aug. 21, 1940, married second Feb. 25, 1942 Harlan A. Davis of Harrisonville, has sons Denham Harlan and Daniel Joseph Davis. Denham Harlan born Dec. 26, 1942, married Aug. 21, 1965 Vikki Lynne Bond of Wichita, Kans., has daughter Jennifer Lynne born Apr. 10, 1967, is now serving as Capt. in the Air Force in Izmir, Turkey. Daniel Joseph born Apr. 14, 1948, lives in Springfield, Mo. Roy John Denham Jr. born Feb. 23, 1927, married Apr. 1967 Iris Patricia Otteson a native of London, Eng., has daughter Morgan Elizabeth born Apr., 1968. Iris Patricia has children Clovis and Mallory Otteson by her former marriage. They live in Kansas City where he is an English instructor in a Junior College.

FREDERICK W. BARKER

Unlike his brothers who moved away, Frederick Washington Barker (18 July 1853-1 March 1928) remained in Cass County, and became an important and valuable member of the community. He, too, was a school teacher and was first appointed, and then later elected to the office of Cass County Highway Surveyor and Engineer. During his term in office, he discontinued the practice of building wooden bridges on county roads and replaced them, by the letting of contracts by bidding, with permanent concrete structures which saved many tax dollars. More than a thousand concerte bridges and culverts were built during his term.

On 16 February, 1891, Fred married Harriet Ann Broadbrooks (16 February, 1869-21 May 1949) of East Lynne, Missouri and raised his family on the farm he bought from his father. Their children: Madge (26 August 1892-8 December 1895); Mabelle Louise Thompson, Nee Barker (23 February 1894) living in Kansas City, Missouri and Arthur Vernon Barker (20 August, 1899-9 October, 1971). Arthur V. married Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Brown (8 October 1899-10 November 1971) on 20 November 1923 to which union there was born three children: Arthur Frederick Barker (9 August 1925) married Barbara Joyce Comstock on 20 June 1948. Their children are Arthur Christopher Barker (15 April 1951); Constance Lorraine Barker (23 October 1954) and David Eric Barker (19 January 1959). Gerald Dean Barker (12 April 1927) single. Bettie Jean Barker (26 June 1929) married George Edgar Stuber on 4 September 1948. Their children are: Dennis Keith Stuber (6 March 1953); Debra Jean Rearick, Nee Stuber, (19 October 1956) and Diana Janice Stuber (20 October 1957).

Other children of Sherwood M. and Katherine Barker were: Sarah Ann (Sally) Barker (25 February 1843-27 July 1912) married first Bristow. Their children were Claude Bristow and Kate Hillman, Nee Bristow. Second marriage was to William Weathers (5 November 1837-19 July 1913). Sarah and William Weathers are buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Missouri. Sophia Barker (25 January 1844-22 September 1854). Ellon T. Barker (1 March 1846-?) married John Davis. Their children: Jessie, John, Mattie, Fannie, Dee and Wallie. Mary Jennie (Jane) Dodge Barker (21 January 1859-18 February 1915) married David William Duvall (1854-1924). Their children: Jennie Adeline Duvall (1881-1950) married Roy Groom Reynolds. Katherine Beulah Duvall (1883-1953). Single. Eunice Eliza Duvall (26 April 1898-2 March 1965) married her cousin Sherwood J. Barker. Alta Leta Duvall and Earl Duvall. Grandchildren of Jennie Barker Duvall are Eleanor Reynolds, Mapa, California, formerly a Cass County teacher for ten years and Katherine Jane Reynolds who married Charles Allen Kenagy of Garden City, Missouri. Their children: Roy, Beth, David, James, Gary and

grandchild Eric. Kate Kandice Barker (6 August 1862-13 February 1937). Eliza Uranus Barker (2 March 1866-1939). Elizabeth Barker (26, May 1851-?).

Mrs. Fred Barker was hired by the Cass County Court to make a plat of the roads which she did on fine paper and had bound into a book. Eliza was a nurse and Jennie taught piano and organ lessons in the Harrisonville area. About 1912, Frank, Gerard, Eliza and Kate, all unmarried, moved to Long Beach, California where they lived until their deaths. (See sketch on Sherwood M. Barker.)

SHERWOOD M. BARKER

The Barker Family was privileged to have been among the early settlers of Cass County, Missouri having moved here in 1866 from Washington County, Virginia. The family had been established in Virginia more than two-hundred years earlier by an English immigrant, and several of its members fought against the British in the Revolutionary War Battle of King's Mountains, North Carolina.

Joseph G. Barker (1784-7 March 1857), a Baptist Minister, was the father of Sherwood Millard Barker (24 August 1818-22 June 1890). Sherwood married Katherine S. (Kate) Barker (25 November 1819-15 March 1891) on 20 April 1842 and to this union were born eleven children.

Shortly after his father's death, Sherwood M. Barker sold his Virginia land, and moved his large family to Missouri where he bought land south of Peculiar. Two cousins settled nearby.

Sherwood Barker was a Baptist Minister, and his family helped organize the Anitoch Baptist (Rodman) Church on 29 August 1889. He also taught school and farmed. His children were well educated and all of them taught school in Cass County at one time or another.

The oldest son, William Millard Barker (17 March 1847-7 December 1934), became a Baptist Minister (like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather) and was the pastor at Grand River Church, then a Missionary in Oklahoma among the Indians, the Editor of the Baptist Flag Paper at Fulton, Kentucky about 1911 and later became the president of a Baptist college in Illinois. William M. married Lorena Belle Bittle (8 August 1855-6 June 1949) at Arkansas City, Arkansas in 1887. Their children: William Millard Barker, Jr. (2 March 1889-22 June 1928); Franklin Able Barker (1893-1922); Sherwood Julian Barker (18 January 1898). Sherwood lives in Napa, California.

Frederick Washington Barker (18 July 1853-1 March 1928).

His brother, Sylvanus Gerard Barker (23 January 1855-7 September 1919), was Cass County School Commissioner (1887-1893) and organized the first Teacher's Institute. Another brother, Sherwood Frank Barker (13 October 1857-2 July 1933), was a surveyor and assisted in making the Cass County plat of 1877.

Sherwood M., Katherine S., Fred, Harriet and Madge Barker are buried in Peculiar Cemetery, Peculiar, Missouri. Arthur V. Barker and his wife, Mary Elizabeth are buried in Pitts Chapel Cemetery, rural Harrisonville, The Duvalls, except Eunice, are buried in Freeman Cemetery. Eunice Barker is buried at Whittier, California. Data on the Ellon T. Barker Davis family is not known.

The only members of the Barker family who still reside in Cass County are the granddaughter and great-grandchildren of Fred's sister, Jennie and his grandchildren, who own the home in Peculiar. (See sketch on Frederick Washington Barker.)

THE BARRON FAMILY

W. H. and Nancy Jane (Newell) Barron and sons Rob and Newell, Newell then three years old, migrated to Missouri from Iowa in 1868 to a farm east of Raymore. Later, they purchased a farm 4½ miles NE of Raymore, and for years this was known as the Barron farm. Subsequently Blanche, Edna, W. C. (Clyde) and W. H. (Harry) were born. The youngsters attended the Funk country school located near the Barron farm.

W. H. Barron (Grandpa Barron), stricken with pneumonia in the late 1800s, was the first patient o' Dr. S. W. Fair who cared for four generations of Barrons.

After the children established their homes, the parents sold the farm and moved to Raymore where Grandpa Barron was Justice of the Peace.

As a young man, Newell Barron operated a hardware store in Raymore. He married Marcia Conant Johnston on August 15, 1899. He was a member of the 1902 Raymore Band, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Modern Woodman Lodge. In March of 1911, the Newell Barrons purchased the farm formerly owned by his parents.

James Newell II (Jamie) was born June 23, 1900. Jamie married Josie Matthews and they were the parents of James Newell Barron III, Mary Jean, Marcia May and Nancy Jo.

Newell and Marcia Johnston Barron, 1930.

James N. III, (Jim) served with distinction in World War II, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross with the Oak Leaf Cluster. Jamie died in 1948.

Francis was born July 30, 1902. He married Juanita DeMoss and they had one son, Lester Conant (Ty). Francis had a trucking business in Raymore and later was employed by the United States Government in Denver where he died in 1946.

Edith Gertrude was born October 29, 1911. She married Harry Huber and their children were David Harry Jr., Rebecca Lu and Donald Newell.

During the 20s, Barron & Sons established a milk route, trucking milk of Raymore farmers to Lees Summit. Later, Barrons sold Grade A bottled milk in Kansas City.

After years of farming and dairying, the livestock, equipment and farm were sold. Jamie went to a farm near Pleasant Hill as manager and Newell Barrons moved to Raymore.

Newell Barron was president of the Raymore School Board in the early 1900s, having been influential in achieving consolidation of the country schools into the town school, and instituting the busing program for grade school children, first with horse drawn buses. Five generations of Barrons lived in or near Raymore from 1868-1971, and four of those generations attended Raymore schools.

Newell Barron was instrumental in obtaining Highway # 58. Marcia Barron organized the Alumni Association of Raymore High School, and was Raymore librarian in the 40s. She died in 1950.

The Barron family were members of the Raymore Presbyterian Church for many years, Nancy Jane Barron being a charter member.

W. C. and W. H. Barron were president and vice-president of Union State Bank of Kansas City in the 1920s. Newell Barron was Judge of the northern district of Cass County at the time of his death in 1936. The Barron family resided many years in Cass County, contributing to its history and development.

JOHN A. BARTHOLOMEW

John A. and Callie Moul Bartholomew (granddaughter of Joseph H. Powell) moved with their two children from Miami Co., Kansas to north of Drexel in March 1952. They purchased their farm from Essie Crutcher McLellan. This was the site of McLellan Wells, a health resort, during the turn of the century and early 1900's. Willa Ruth (Corky) and John Ross attended grade school in Drexel and graduated from Drexel High School. Willa Ruth, born February 28, 1940, married Calvin L. Gammon, Drexel on November 16, 1958. They have two children, Basil Ann and Brian Leslie. John Ross, born March 22, 1942, married Marilyn K. Sexson, Creighton, Missouri, on December 5, 1960. Their two children are Steven Ross and Darin Scott. Both families live in the rural Drexel area.

The John Bartholomew Family.

ISAAC BEAMER

The recorded history of the Beamer family dates back to the early 1800's. Isaac Beamer, who was born in 1804 in Hillville, Virginia, Carrol County, is the earliest member mentioned in family records.

Although it is not known when the marriage took place, records indicate that Isaac Beamer was married to Miss Frances Combs, who was born in 1808. The marriage is credited with producing two children, Luke, whose birthdate is unknown and Mark, who was born October 4, 1883.

It is recorded that Luke was married, but the name of his spouse is not included in the family tree. It is stated, however, that the couple had one child, Helen, and it is believed that there was another child in the family.

No dates of death are recorded for either Isaac Beamer or Frances Combs Beamer. John W. Adams, who was born in 1799, a native of Virginia had settled in Henry County, Missouri around 1844.

Adams and his wife, the former Mary Katherine Cartwright, had eight children, six of whom died from childhood typhoid fever in and around 1846. The children are buried in Johntown, Missouri with no grave marking. John W. Adams and wife were buried on the family homestead. The 200 acres was entered with a grant for 12 cents an acre in the Clear Fork area, Cass County, Missouri.

The Adams' youngest daughter, Telitha Angeline, born January 5, 1844 survived, however, and on September 26, 1860, she and Mark Beamer were married. An account by. T. H. Weller, leader of a 15-member expedition traveling through Cass County in 1854 reads, "We found no better grass growing anywhere for our cattle, than on the lands belonging to Oesh, King, Schrock and the Mark Beamer farms.

Attesting to her great love for the Beamer homestead, it is reported that, in 1878, after their home was burned, Mrs. Beamer saw to it that it was rebuilt at once.

Between the years of 1863-1888, the Beamers union was blessed with eleven children. The names of the children appear in the Beamer family tree. The family remained an unbroken and happy one until the death of Jasper in 1908.

Mark Beamer, Sr. passed away May 7, 1909 and Mrs. Beamer moved to Garden City, Missouri in 1915 where she lived until her own death.

The Mark Beamer Family in 1898.

An obituary recalled that "no man in the county had more friends than Mark Beamer. He was perhaps better known for his genuine hospitality than for any other characteristic which he possessed." Often referred to as "Uncle" Mark, Beamer was considered one of the most highly respected citizens of the Garden City area at the time of his death.

Outliving her husband by over 20 years, Telitha Adams Beamer died August 22, 1929 in Garden City. In her later years, Mrs. Beamer fought nobly against an illness that would eventually make her an invalid.

Of the eleven Beamer children, family records speak most of John, the next to the oldest child, born May 26, 1866. Born and raised on the Beamer family homestead near Garden City, John Beamer continued the family legacy of farming and stock raising in Cass, Lafayette and Saline counties. He retired from active farming 1940. His wife, Jeannette Ann, died in 1949, and after that time, he made his home with his son, Lyle, in Clay County.

THOMAS BEATTIE M.D.

Dr. Beattie was born in Belfast, Ireland, October 17, 1827. His father was a linen manufacturer and supplied the English Court of Queen Victoria.

He was reared in Ireland and received his principal education from the Belfast Royal Academy. In 1844 he began his medical studies at Belfast Medical Hospital. In 1846 he studied at Anderson's Medical College at Glasgow, Scotland. In 1848 he attended Edinburgh University at Edinburgh, Scotland, graduating in 1849, also receiving a diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons in that city. He accepted an assignment on the whaling ship "Restitution", and spent the summer cruising around Greenland, looking for John Franklin who was lost hunting for the North Pole.

On his return he immigrated to Quebec, Canada, where he practiced for a year. On October 9, 1849 he married, Martha Stuart Byers, also a native of Ireland, who was visiting her uncle in Quebec, Canada. She was born at Stuartstown, Newton Lumevody, Province of Ulster, Ireland. Her father was a member of Queen Victoria's Honor Guard.

They spent three years in Cincinnati, Ohio, then Newark, Kendall County Illinois, 1858 East Lynne, Mo., 1865 Harrisonville, Missouri. He tried to enlist in Price's Southern Army during the Civil War, but was unable to because his naturalization papers had not been returned, so he was the only physician in this vicinity during the war.

They had eight children — Anna (Mrs. Taylor Wilson) James (Maria Eckels) Martha Stuart (Mrs. Robert T. Railey) Samuel, Ida (Mrs. W. C. Lynde) Thomas Jefferson (Clara Chateau) William (Nettie Lee Allen) Evaline (Mrs. John A. Davis Jr.)

Dr. Beattie practiced medicine 61 years. He was a scholar and enjoyed books. His entire medical library is now in the Rare Books Library at Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas.

He died at his daughter's home, Elmhurst, Harrisonville, Missouri, Feb. 3, 1911. Mrs. Beattie died at Elmhurst, March 25, 1916. Dr. and Mrs. Beattie are buried at Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

ABAGAIL DEAN BEATY

Abagail Dean, daughter of John and Rachael Dean was born Aug. 23, 1851 in Farifield Co., Ohio where she lived with her parents until 1863 when they removed to Indiana. After the Civil War she married James Bray Beaty on Sept. 10, 1868. James Bray Beaty was born Jan. 28, 1844 in Indiana. He joined the Union Army during the Civil War on May 1, 1864, although he was under age. He was discharged a private, Co. D. 137 Indiana.

Abagail and Bray Beatys' first child was born in Indiana Jan. 7, 1870 and before May the entire family of Deans had journeyed to Missouri. The Bray Beatys lived on their 80 acres of the John Dean purchase all of their lives, but Bray Beaty was a carpenter and worked at that trade as well as farming. They had five children: 1. Ella J. Beaty, born Jan. 7, 1870 near Ft. Wayne, Ind. married W. H. McPherson Oct. 30, 1893, of Drexel, Missouri and had two sons, Bruce and J. M. McPherson. 2. Rachael A. Beaty, born June 3, 1873 in Cass Co., Mo. married William Jess Sayles Oct. 30, 1895 in a double ring ceremony with her sister. They had two children, Ruby Houston and Bertie Lee Auman, both of Kansas City, Mo. Rachael Beaty Sayles died July 15, 1936. 3. Oliver Brook Beaty, born Oct. 29, 1874 Cass Co., Mo. married Fannie P. Kyle Apr. 1896 and had one daughter, Buda (married McGuire). 4. Ora Elizabeth Beaty, born Feb. 3, 1877 at Main City, Cass Co., Mo. married Thomas A. Miller Oct. 30, 1895 in a double ring ceremony with her sister, Rachael (Vird). Their son, Charles Dean Miller married Peggy Jean Thomas Miller was in business at Drexel until his death in 1942. Elizabeth Beaty Miller died July 10, 1958 in Upland, California. 5. Homer Beaty, born Dec. 21, 1878 Cass Co., Mo. married Elizabeth Fix July 3, 1916. No. children. Homer was a charter member of the Drexel Chamber of Commerce and Postmaster for 12 years. He was a barber and merchant and died in January of 1958.

JAMES BRAY BEATY

Shortly after James Bray Beaty arrived in Cass County, Missouri in 1870 he purchased a small account book in which he wrote, "J. B. Beaty's, bought November 28, 1870, resident of Missouri, Cass County near the head of Mormon Fork."

He was born January 28, 1844 in the state of Ohio. Although he was under age, he joined the Union Army during the Civil War and served as a private in Company D, 137th, Indiana.

On September 10, 1868, Bray Beaty married Abagail Dean the daughter of John and Rachael Dean in Huntington County, Indiana. As soon as their first child was born on January 7, 1870, the Dean party set out for Missouri. They settled on the 80 acres of land that John Dean purchased for them in 1868.

There are 5 children in the Beaty Family. 1 — Ella J. Beaty born Jan. 7, 1870 near Fort Wayne, Indiana, married W. H. McPherson October 30, 1899 and lived near Drexel in Cass County. 2 — Rachael A. born June 3, 1873 in Cass County, Mo. married William J. Sayles October 30, 1895. 3 — Oliver Brook Beaty born October 29, 1874, Cass County, married Fannie P. Kyle in 1896 and in 1897 left Missouri and went to Pagosa Springs, Colorado to make his home. 4 — Ora Elizabeth born February 3, 1877, married Thomas A. Miller, October 30, 1895. Tom Miller was a part owner of the Drexel Mercantile Company and he was active in the business affairs in Drexel, Mo., until his death in 1942. 5 — Homer, born December 21, 1878 in Cass County, married Elizabeth C. Fix. He was a charter member of the Drexel Chamber of Commerce, postmaster of Drexel for 12 years and operated the Gamble Store in Drexel until he retired.

CALVIN BECKER

Calvin Becker, first son of Allison and Celestia Sarah (Knoll) Becker, was born Oct. 23, 1878. He married Anna Snyder App, daughter of Maria Louisa Roberts and John Oliphant App, near Austin, Mo., Mch. 4, 1903. Four children were born to this union: Helen Louise born Dec. 26, 1903, married Carl Blair Henderson of Belton, Mo., Apr. 13, 1924 and lived on a farm South of Belton until they moved to town 1942. Helen was employed at the U.S. Post Office at Belton 1923 and 1924, then worked for the Grace Co. of Belton for 32 years; Edith App, Mrs. Francis W. Jones of Arlington, Va., born June 16, 1906, graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., 1925, continued her education at the University of Mo. in Columbia and at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Edith occupied a position with the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C. from 1929 until her retirement 1969; John Allison born Sept. 1, 1911, married Sarah Frances Bondurant of Fulton, Ky., Dec. 16, 1938, Washington, D.C. To them were born Patricia Lynn Nov. 13, 1941 and Priscilla Ann Mch. 18, 1945. Patricia Lynn married Jimmie Lee Rose in 1963 and Priscilla Ann married Robert J. Wowak in 1969. John Allison attended Belton Public Schools and Central College, Fayette, Mo., was President of the 1929 Senior Class of Belton High School. He owned and operated a grocery store in Belton, Mo. for a number of years. In 1935 he went to Washington, D.C. where he was employed by the Public Works Administration for 6 years. Later he was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Navy. In 1948 John Allison returned to Mo. and was associated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture until his death, Sept. 22, 1963, Independence, Mo. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery; Dorothy Elizabeth born Sept. 16, 1913, married George Walker Allen of Atlanta, Ga. July 28, 1939. Dorothy went to Washington, D.C. 1936, after graduating from Belton High School and the Sarachon-Hooley Secretarial School in Kansas City, Mo. For a time she worked for the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, Washington, D.C., and in 1970 retired after 34 years of service with the U.S. Department of the Navy. She returned to this area 1971 and lives in Overland Park, Kans.

Calvin engaged in farming in Archie, Mo. until 1916 when he moved his family to Belton and became manager of the telephone company. In 1925 he was made General Manager of the Austin Inland Telephone Co. (including Belton and twelve other communities) and later became its President. The Company was sold 1933 to the Western Light and Telephone Co. with headquarters at Clarence, Mo. Calvin then moved to Bucyrus, Kans. and Humansville, Mo. respectively, where he purchased and operated farms. Later he moved to Springfield, Mo. where he owned a grocery store. Calvin and Anna retired to the Austin, Mo. community 1941 and bought the old Austin Methodist Episcopal Church parsonage. Calvin died Apr. 2, 1950, Anna died June 12, 1959, both are buried in the Austin Cemetery. Anna S. Becker was well-known for her watercolor paintings.

ALLISON BECKER

The Becker family came to Cass Co., Mo. in 1885. Allison Becker, born Mch. 25, 1851, Berks Co., Pa. but recently of Poplar Bluff, Mo., moved his family to Cass Co. to escape malaria. On Jan. 21, 1885 he bought 80 acres in Sec. 33, R 30, Twp. 30, also 80 acres in Sec. 9, Twp. 42, near Austin, Mo. He was the third son of Jesse Z. and Elizabeth (Ludwig) Becker. Jesse Z., born Jan. 28, 1824, was the fifth child of John born Berks Co., Pa. 1793 or 1794 and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Becker. Allison married Celestia Sarah Knoll, daughter of Israel and Rebecca Knoll, in Womelsdorf, Pa. Oct. 19, 1872. Allison and his family immigrated to Poplar Bluff, Mo. in 1884, but in 1885 moved to Cass Co. Allison was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Belleman's Center, Berks Co., Pa. on Apr. 25, 1868. When the family arrived in Mo. there were no Lutheran Churches in the vicinity so the family joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, chosen because they felt it to be similar to the religion to which they had been accustomed. The family lived on the farm near Austin, Mo. for more than 25 years. After selling the farm they lived in Garden City, Mo. for a number of years. After a time they moved to Rupert, Ida., because of Celestia's asthma. Two years later they returned to their home in Garden City but soon left again for Silverton, Ore., due to Celestia's ill health. Then Allison became ill in Ore. They returned once again to Garden City where they lived until Allison's death June 8, 1920. Celestia died Dec. 8, 1920. During his lifetime Allison

was a fine and honest man and gained respect wherever he went. Before coming to Cass Co. he was in the butcher business in Pa. After moving to Mo. he engaged in farming and carpentry and constructed fine barns in the area in which he lived. Allison and his wife are buried in the Austin Cemetery.

Allison and Celestia Becker had 12 children: Lizzie Ann (Mrs. Edgar G. Sliffe) Mch. 9, 1874-Oct. 26, 1939, engaged in farming near Adrian, Bates Co., Mo.; Maria Maggy, June 17, 1875-Mch. 3, 1878; Nora Celestia (Mrs. James R. Roblin) Sept. 6, 1876-Jan. 5, 1937, engaged in farming near Adrian, Bates Co., Mo.; Sallie Matilda (Mrs. Algernon Thomas Feild) Oct. 1, 1877-Jan. 26, 1937, engaged in farming near Archie, Cass Co., Mo.; Calvin, Oct. 23, 1878-Apr. 2, 1950; Milton, Apr. 11, 1881-Oct. 9, 1937; Katie Rebecca (Mrs. Elbert I. Hammontree) July 29, 1882-Dec. 6, 1967, lived in Bates Co., Mo. and Salina, Kans. where they engaged in the creamery business; Aaron, Sept. 22, 1883-Nov. 26, 1926; Alva and Alvin (twins) Aug. 30, 1887-Mch. 22, 1950 and May 30, 1888. Alva (Mrs. Otto Matter) lived in Lockport, N.Y., operating a children's home and raising grapes and white cherries, later moved to Salem, Ore.; Della, Mch. 19, 1891-Feb. 14, 1896; Annie May (Mrs. Guy M. Hart) born Jan. 10, 1897, owned and operated garages in Garden City, Mo. and Sand Point, Ida.

Milton Becker, the 2nd son, married Julia Alice Schooley, daughter of Etta and Joseph Schooley, in Austin, Mo. 1904. For a while he operated a general store in Austin but later became associated with the Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis, Mo., selling "Buster Brown" shoes. While employed by the Brown Shoe Co. Milton traveled throughout the United States, living in Salt Lake City, Utah, and St. Joseph, Kansas City, and Independence, Mo. Milton and Julia Alice had children Katherine (died at birth in Austin 1907) and Virginia Mary born Feb. 22, 1910. Virginia held responsible positions with the U.S. Veterans' Administration in Kansas City for several years and, June 20, 1939, married Homer Perry at Seattle, Wash. He owned and operated a successful investment firm in that area for many years. They are now retired and living in Portland, Ore. Julia Alice Becker died Aug. 4, 1926, is buried in the Austin Cemetery. Milton married Minnie S. Kuhlman of Dalton, Mo. in 1935. He died Oct. 9, 1937, is buried in the Austin Cemetery.

Aaron Becker, the 3rd son, married Mae Cummins Mch. 2, 1910, of Lamar, Barton Co., Mo., at Eightmile, Mo. the Rev. D. W. Britton officiating. They had no children. Aaron lived a while on a farm owned by his brother Calvin near Austin, Mo., then moved to Idaho and engaged in raising potatoes. He died Nov. 26, 1926 in Idaho, is buried in the cemetery at Austin, Mo. Mae died 1973 and is also buried in the Austin Cemetery.

PERCY FRANKLIN BECKERDITE

Percy Franklin Beckerdite was born about 1840 and died April, 1864. He married Nancy Harriet Adams, daughter of John and Isabelle Adams, on April 3, 1860, near Randleman, North Carolina. Nancy Harriet was born October 30, 1840, and died January 29, 1927, near Everett, Missouri, and buried in the Everett Cemetery.

Percy Franklin and Nancy Harriet had two children: Flora Isabelle Beckerdite, who married Henry Dicks; and Quincy Franklin Beckerdite, born September 19, 1863, died December 11, 1944, married Luella Frazier on August 15, 1889.

Percy Franklin was a Quaker and because of his faith did not believe in fighting so he was sent to work in the salt mines in Pennsylvania during the Civil War, and this is where he died of pneumonia in 1864. From this time on Nancy Harriet took the responsibility of rearing her family. After her son's marriage in 1889 she made her home with him and moved with him to Kansas in 1910.

The Beckerdite Family.
March 2, 1910

QUINCY FRANKLIN BECKERDITE

Quincy Franklin Beckerdite, born September 19, 1863, near Randleman, North Carolina, son of Percy Franklin Beckerdite and Nancy Harriet (Adams) Beckerdite. He married Luella Frazier, born September 14, 1866, near Randleman, North Carolina, on August 15, 1889, by J. N. Caudle at the home of her mother, Mrs. Emily Frazier, near Randleman.

Quincy Franklin's father died when he was seven months old so he was raised by his maternal grandparents, John and Isabelle Adams. After Quincy Franklin was married, his mother Nancy Harriet Adams Beckerdite always lived with him.

Luella (Frazier) Beckerdite's father died of typhoid fever when she was a teenage girl and as she was the oldest of a large family she went to work in the cotton mills at Randleman, walking to and from work, and helped support her younger brothers and sisters.

On March 2, 1910, Quincy Franklin, then residing at Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, just six miles from where he had always lived, leaving his eldest daughter, Bertha Bell, in North Carolina, who just three months earlier was married, journeyed by train in a charter car to Wellsville, Kansas, where an old childhood friend then lived. He rented a farm one mile west of Wellsville and with his wife and seven children began a new life in what was then considered the far west — a land with dust storms and cyclones which failed to materialize very often. In 1917 with his then nearly grown family he moved from Wellsville, Kansas to six miles northeast of Harrisonville

on a large dairy farm owned by two Kansas City businessmen. He was always a farmer and dairyman in North Carolina, Kansas and Missouri. A tornado in September 1917 badly damaged every building on this farm. In February 1920 he bought a farm southeast of Freeman. He later moved near Harrisonville where his wife died on January 12, 1937. He died December 11, 1944, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler, 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway. They are both buried in the Everett Cemetery.

Quincy Franklin and Luella had ten children as follows:

Infant son born June 18, 1890, died June 26, 1890.

Bertha Bell, born September 20, 1891, married December 25, 1909, to Walter O. Bowman of Brown Summit, North Carolina, now deceased. Bertha Bell still lives in Brown Summit.

Clara May, born September 3, 1893, died September 30, 1962, at Willamina, Oregon, married Scott Nelson on December 28, 1918. Scott still lives in Willamina.

Percy Franklin, born February 15, 1895, married Virginia Dunn on January 15, 1921, and they now live in Lakewood, California.

Eugene Curtis, born November 23, 1896, died August 8, 1929, married Hazel Bucher on November 30, 1918.

Dora Isabelle, born September 21, 1899, married John Harold Kohler on February 20, 1919. Dora Isabelle now lives in Harrisonville.

All of the above children were born near Randleman, North Carolina.

Mary Etta, born June 30, 1901, at Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, married P. K. Beck on April 29, 1918, and he is now deceased. Later she married Charles Story and they reside in Baldwin City, Kansas.

John Quincy, born January 8, 1904, near Randleman, North Carolina, died August 24, 1974, at Harrisonville, married Naomi Donaldson on December 23, 1922.

Lewis Rawleigh, born January 21, 1906, died November 17, 1906.

Ralph Frazier, born July 16, 1909, at Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, married Inez Karg on June 10, 1931, and they now live at Latour, Missouri.

JOSE BEEGHLY

The Jose Beeghly family came from Abilene, Kans., to Peculiar, Cass Co., Mo. in Feb., 1910, buying the Foust farm 4½ miles SW of Peculiar. The little country school, Pleasant Ridge, stood on one corner of the family farm of 280 acres, and there the Beeghly children attended school and Mr. Beeghly served on the school board all the time he lived there.

Mr. Beeghly owned a feed store in Peculiar. The first store was in the old Methodist Church building that was moved one block west to a lot owned by Mr. Beeghly, then later he built a building in the main business area on Broadway. He conducted his feed business there until suffering a heart attack in 1948. In 1949 they moved to Peculiar. He was a charter member of the Peculiar Lions Club, and he and his wife were members of the Peculiar Methodist Church, where Mrs. Beeghly worked faithfully. She was a member of Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Beeghly had 4 children: Floyd, deceased; Florence Barker Rader, a widow, of Grandview, Mo.; Ted, owner of the Belton Cleaners, Belton, Mo.; Irene Taylor, a teacher, of Weston, Mo. There is one grandchild, Wayne Barker of Grandview, Mo., with the Bendix Aviation Corporation. There are 3 great-grandchildren, David Barker, a fireman, of Raytown, Mo., Darlene, a teacher in Grandview, Mo., and Debbie. As of 1968 there is one great-great-grandson, Jeff Barker.

ANDREW BELCHER

Andrew Belcher, son of John and Jane (Lockhart) Belcher, was born 13 Nov. 1798 probably Russell Co., Va., a part of which soon became Tazewell Co., Va. where he was reared, died 25 May 1843, Van Buren Co., Mo. He married in Va. Nancy Price, born 20 July 1798, Russell Co., Va., died 17 Sept. 1873, Cass Co., Mo., daughter of Daniel Price who was born ca1761, Va., served in the Revolution from S.C., and died 1854, Russell Co., Va. Andrew and Nancy Belcher are buried in Union Baptist Church Cemetery west of Pleasant Hill, Mo. They lived in Lee Co., Va. after their marriage, went to Knox Co., Tenn. 1832 then to Jackson Co., Mo. by or before May 1833. For 3 years they lived 4 miles NE of Independence, for 5 years 12 miles S of Independence, then in 1841 settled in Van Buren Co. near the Jackson Co. line, 6 miles NW of Pleasant Hill and a mile S of Greenwood, on land in Sec. 3, Twp. 46, R. 31. The Cass and Jackson Cos. vicinity of Pleasant Hill, Raymore, and Greenwood became the home of most of the Belchers of this family. They were closely associated with the Union Baptist Church both while the church was in Cass Co. and after its removal to Greenwood.

The children of Andrew and Nancy (Price) Belcher, the first 6 born Lee Co., Va., the next 3 born Jackson Co., Mo., the last born Van Buren Co., Mo., were: (1) Jane Lockhart Belcher, 1821-1902, married Robert D. Pearson. (2) Daniel Price Belcher, 1823-1899, whose wives were Eliza Jane Flannery, Elizabeth Snyder, Sarah Dame, Susan J. Dillingham. (3) John M. Belcher, 1825-1897, whose wives were Jane Chrisman, Elizabeth (Chrisman) Poe, Mrs. Martha J. Collins, Eliza E. (Allen) Hodges. (4) Judith P. Belcher born 2 Feb. 1828, died 26 Mch. 1884, married 9 May 1850, Cass Co., John W. Smith born 15 Aug. 1827, Ky., died 9 Jan. 1907, son of Pouncy A. and Lieudema Smith. All are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (5) George W. Belcher, 1830-1907, whose wives were Harriet Elizabeth Smith and Elvira Hodges. (6) Nancy Evaline Belcher born 16 Jan. 1832, died 26 July 1917, married 28 Dec. 1856, Cass Co., Larkin Maddox born ca1795, died 31 Aug. 1865. They are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (7) Andrew Jackson Belcher born 13 Feb. 1834, married 5 May 1859, Cass Co., Sally A. Judy born ca1833, Jackson Co., Ind., daughter of Reason S. and Tarissa (Blackwood) Judy. (8) James Oliver Belcher born 15 Aug. 1836, died 5 Jan. 1877, married 17 June 1857, Cass Co., Amanda Phillips born 6 Sept. 1841, died 14 Apr. 1894. Both are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. As of 1894 their children were: (a) William H. Belcher (born ca1860) of Jackson Co., Mo. (b) Isaac P. Belcher (born ca1862) of Cass Co. (c) Nancy Anna (Belcher) Ecton (born ca1864) of Cass Co., wife of D. W.

Ecton. (d) John M. Belcher (born ca1866) of Jackson Co., Mo. (e) Sidney J. Belcher (born ca1868) of Cass Co. He married 28 Jan. 1890, Cass Co., Alice C. Herr, daughter of Mary (Barr) Herr and granddaughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Goff) Barr. Alice (Herr) Belcher was deceased by Aug. 1912 at which time her children were stated to be: Two older children of age, not named, and Marie Belcher born 2 Sept. 1896, Forest Belcher born 4 June 1897, Lavena Belcher born 14 Dec. 1899, and Pauline Belcher born 12 Dec. 1900. (f) Robert L. Belcher born 6 Mch. 1870, died 25 July 1893, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (g) Milton A. Belcher of Denver, Colo. He was born 12 Feb. 1873, died 24 Oct. 1900, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (h) Sarah J. Belcher (born ca1876) married 15 Feb. 1894, Cass Co., William H. Landers. (9) Mary Ann Belcher born 20 Sept. 1839, died 22 Jan. 1878, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., Calif., married 4 Nov., 1856, Cass Co., Augustus W. Davidson born ca1828, Ky., who survived her. (10) Sarah B. Belcher born 8 Feb., 1842, married 10 Jan. 1872, Cass Co., William B. Kennedy. Sarah B. Kennedy was of Okla. in 1902 when her sister Jane L. Pearson died.

DANIEL PRICE BELCHER

Son of Andrew and Nancy (Price) Belcher, Daniel Price Belcher was born 13 July 1823, Lee Co., Va., died 31 Mch. 1899, Cass Co., Mo. He married first, 1 Feb. 1844, Jackson Co., Mo., Eliza Jane Flannery born ca1829, Cape Girardeau, Mo., died 8 July 1851, Cass Co., daughter of Silas and Nancy (Irwin) Flannery; married second, 20 Apr. 1852, Cass Co., Elizabeth Snyder who died after childbirth; married third, 11 Dec. 1853, Cass Co., Sarah Dame born 1817, Tenn., died 18 Apr. 1880, Cass Co., daughter of David Dame; married fourth, 26 July 1882, Jackson Co., Mo., Susan J. Dillingham who survived him. Daniel P. Belcher and his first and third wives are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery west of Pleasant Hill. He was a farmer, member of the Grange, lived on the homeplace of his father, was a member of Union Baptist Church.

The children of Daniel P. and Eliza Jane (Flannery) Belcher were: (1) Nancy N. Belcher born 8 Nov., 1844, died Feb., 1845. (2) Elizabeth Belcher born 3 Sept. 1846, died 3 Apr. 1865, married 1863 Jonathan Cring. (3) William W. Belcher born 15 July 1848, died 11 Jan. 1890, Astoria, Clatsop Co., Ore., married 10 Mch. 1870, Cass Co., B. Anna Poe, born ca1851, living 1900 in Astoria, Ore. As of 1899 their children were: (a) Elizabeth Ella (Belcher) Crang, born ca1872, of Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., Calif. (b) John William Belcher, born ca1874, of Astoria, Ore. (c) Nannie (Belcher) Kozer, born ca1878, of Salem, Marion Co., Ore., wife of Sam A. Kozer. (d) Daniel P. Belcher born 10 Aug. 1879. (e) James Edgar Belcher born 2 Mch. 1881. (f) Jennie Maude Belcher born 3 Oct. 1885, the last 3 of the home in Astoria, Ore. (4) Angelina Belcher born 21 Apr. 1850, married 1870 Tony Hackler of Tarrant Co., Tex.

The one child of Daniel P. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Belcher was: (5) Elisha Belcher born 6 July 1853, died 30 Aug. 1853.

Daniel P. and Sarah (Dame) Belcher had children: (6) Susannah Belcher born 10 Dec. 1854, died 15 Feb. 1855. (7) James Madison Belcher born 7 Sept. 1856, died 11 June 1933, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery, married first, 4 Oct. 1883, Cass Co., Dovie E. Adams who died 1885; married second, 9 Apr. 1889, Jackson Co., Mo., Lizzie V. Brownfield born 18 Jan. 1861, died 1 Nov. 1921. Their children were: (a) Irvin Franklin Belcher born 1 Sept. 1890, died 8 Sept. 1973 in a car accident near Harrisonville when his wife Maurine (Hoey) Belcher, daughter of George P. and Henrietta (Williams) Hoey, was badly injured and his brother-in-law Frank Michael Hoey was also killed. Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and Mr. Hoey lived and farmed together near Greenwood. Mr. Belcher and Mr. Hoey were buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. Mrs. Belcher now lives at Knox Village, Lee's Summit, Mo. (b) Anna E. Belcher born 5 Jan. 1895, now deceased, married Lewis Bennett. (c) Nina Belcher born 21 May 1902, married Fred Weinberg, lives Mountain Home, Ark. (8) Mary Jane (Jennie) Belcher born 29 Mch. 1859, died 1937, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

GEORGE W. BELCHER

Son of Andrew and Nancy (Price) Belcher, George W. Belcher was born 31 Jan. 1830, Lee Co., Va., died 9 Aug. 1907 at his home near Raymore, Cass Co., Mo. He married first, 15 Nov. 1853, Cass Co., Harriet Elizabeth Smith born ca1833, Ky., died 10 Mch. 1873, Cass Co., daughter of Pouncy A. and Lieudema Smith; married second, 8 Nov. 1877, Cass Co., Elvira Hodges born 28 Mch. 1837, survived him, daughter of Welcome and Rebecca Hodges. George W. Belcher and both of his wives are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery west of Pleasant Hill. George W. Belcher served in the Federal Army during the Civil War for 14 months then served in the State Militia until end of the war, was a member of Union Baptist Church.

The children of George W. and Harriet Elizabeth (Smith) Belcher were: (1) Pouncy A. Belcher born 1854, died 23 May 1863, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (2) Mary Jane Belcher born ca1856, died 31 June 1863, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (3) Martha E. Belcher born ca1859, living 1907, married M. T. Smiley. (4) America C. Belcher born 17 Nov. 1861, living 1907, married Oct. 1885, Cass Co., James P. Callaway born 27 Aug. 1859, died 7 Mch. 1913, both buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (5) Luke W. Belcher born ca1866, living 1907. (6) George W. Belcher Jr. born 10 June 1867, died 1 Aug. 1936, married 1895, Jackson Co., Mo., Gertie E. Bowman born 30 Apr. 1873, died 10 Nov. 1922, both buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (7) Jehiel S. Belcher born Feb. 1870, died 1 Apr. 1931, married 23 Aug. 1893, Cass Co., Nellie Niekirk, 1870-1949, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. He was blind and receiving a blind pension from the State of Mo. when he died.

JOHN BELCHER

John Belcher was born 25 Dec. 1776, Va., and died 26 Sept. 1843, Jackson Co., Mo. His first wife was Jane Lockhart, daughter of Andrew Lockhart of Tazewell Co., Va. He mar-

ried second, 8 Oct. 1822, Tazewell Co., Va., Sarah Brown, born ca1802, Va., daughter of Lowe Brown of Tazewell Co. Before 8 Dec. 1831 John Belcher had moved his family to Jackson Co., Mo., where on that date he bought his home farm, the S½ of Sec. 20, Twp. 50, R. 31, about 4 miles NE of Independence. He is buried in the Belcher family cemetery there. His gravestone was to be seen in 1966 but now no stones remain. The family attended the nearby New Salem Baptist Church.

So far the only known child of John and Jane (Lockhart) Belcher was Andrew Belcher, 1798-1843, married Nancy Price, 1798-1873, settled in Van Buren Co., Mo. in 1841.

The children of John and Sarah (Brown) Belcher were: (1) James Madison Belcher born ca1823, Tazewell Co., Va., married 15 Feb. 1844, Jackson Co., Mo., Margaret Chrisman born 21 Oct. 1826, Lee Co., Va. They went overland to Oregon Territory arriving in Yamhill Co. 29 Sept. 1850, taking up a donation land claim at Hopewell then moving, 1864, to Lafayette where he was in the mercantile business. When Margaret Belcher died, 27 Oct. 1913, Lafayette, Ore., she was survived by her husband, son Capt. C. T. Belcher of Portland, Ore., and daughter Belle Belcher of Lafayette. (2) Lilly B. Belcher born 1826, Tazewell Co., Va., died 10 Jan. 1848, Jackson Co., Mo., buried in the Belcher family cemetery, married 21 Dec. 1843, Jackson Co., Alvis Powell, 1824-1912. Her only known child was Sarah E. Powell born ca1845. Alvis Powell lived and died at Lone Jack, Mo. where he and his second wife, Sarah Frances Hunt, are buried. (3) Thomas J. Belcher born ca1827, Tazewell Co., Va., married 28 Jan. 1846, Jackson Co., Rachel Powell born ca1832, Mo., sister of Alvis Powell. A child of theirs, Sarah E. Belcher, was buried in the Belcher family cemetery. They had sons William and John Belcher and probably other children. They evidently moved from Jackson Co. at some time after 1853. (4) A son who died young. (5) Emeline Belcher born ca1834, Jackson Co., Mo., married 3 Jan. 1850, Jackson Co., Lowery Adams born ca1829, Mo. A child of theirs, Bowen C. Adams, 1835-1855, was buried in the Belcher family cemetery. Between 20 Oct. 1856 and 31 Aug. 1857 they moved to Collin Co., Tex. (6) George W. Belcher born ca1838, Jackson Co. (7) Patrick Henry Belcher born ca1840, Jackson Co. (8) Alexander Belcher born ca1842, Jackson Co. In 1857, Collin Co., Tex., Lowery Adams was appointed guardian of Patrick H. and Alexander Belcher.

JOHN M. BELCHER

Son of Andrew and Nancy (Price) Belcher, John M. Belcher was born 3 Sept. 1825, Lee Co., Va., died 28 Aug. 1897, Cass Co., Mo. He married first, 13 Apr. 1848, Jackson Co., Mo., Jane Chrisman born ca1826, Lee Co., Va., died 7 June 1861, Cass Co., daughter of Gabriel Chrisman; married second, 3 Nov. 1861, Cass Co., Elizabeth (Chrisman) Poe born 6 Aug. 1827, Lee Co., Va., died 30 Jan. 1872, Cass Co., buried Chrisman Cemetery, Prairie Twp., Jackson Co., Mo., sister of Jane Chrisman and widow of John Poe; married third, 2 Apr. 1874, Cass Co., Mrs. Martha J. Collins who died 30 Oct. 1878; married fourth, 1 Sept. 1879, Cass Co., Eliza E. (Allen) Hodges born 22 Jan. 1837, Tenn., died 3 Oct. 1893, Cass Co., daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Allen and widow of William Hodges. John M. Belcher and his first and fourth wives are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery west of Pleasant Hill. He served in the Mexican War, was a member of Union Baptist Church.

The story has been told that John M. Belcher was an expert at catching eagles by running them down, eagles being more likely to stay and fight than fly away when attacked, especially in cold sleety weather when freezing on feathers makes flight difficult and keeps the birds on low tree stumps. And that one frosty day in 1849 J. M. Belcher and Robert Pearson (brothers-in-law), with a couple of greyhounds, were hunting eagles near now Greenwood and, after a bloody battle for the dogs, took home a bald eagle with a wing spread of 11 feet 8 inches, which lived for some time after.

The children of John M. and Jane (Chrisman) Belcher were: (1) Amanda E. Belcher born 1849, died 3 Aug. 1851, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (2) Andrew J. Belcher born 5 Jan. 1851, died 8 Aug. 1851, buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (3) Gabriel M. Belcher born ca1852, married 13 Sept. 1881, Cass Co., Julia Ann Bowman. (4) Nancy Jane Belcher born ca1854, predeceased her father, married a Phillips. (5) George W. Belcher born ca1858, married 14 Feb. 1884, Cass Co., Mary L. Stone.

The children of John M. and Elizabeth (Chrisman) Poe Belcher were: (6) Sarah Elizabeth Belcher born 1862, died 1952, married 1880, Jackson Co., Mo., Eugene S. Kerr, 1856-1940. Both are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery. (7) Mary (Mollie) Belcher born 1864, died 1890, married 8 May 1887, Cass Co., Floyd Butler, 1860-1928. (8) Eva Belcher born ca1866, married a Tribble. (9) Mattie Belcher born 1869, died 1936, married 22 Apr. 1891, Cass Co., Floyd Butler, 1860-1928, widower of her sister Mollie. He and both of his wives are buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

LESTER LEETON BELL

One stormy April day in 1890, a new Iowan was born. On April 13, 1890 to be exact. The new Iowan's name was Lester Leeton Bell. After a few years, he moved to Cass County. He did this because he was only 7 years old and he wanted to be with his family. His parents, Sarah and James Bell moved to a farm south of Lone Jack. (The location is now the Gipson

The Bell Family about 1936.

Quarries.) Lester attended Rock Hill Rural School and Pleasant Hill High School. After high school he moved to Kansas City and opened a restaurant. In 1912, a beautiful Indian maiden from Oklahoma came to work for him and on Christmas Day of 1912, they were married. They moved to Pleasant Hill where he went into the used furniture business. During all this, three children were born to Lester and Georgia. Hazel was the oldest, Lois came later and James Howard was the caboose. During the early 1930's the Bell's lived at Coleman, Mo. and operated the Coleman Store, while still operating a furniture store in Pleasant Hill. When James Howard got old enough to start to school, they moved to Pleasant Hill. During the thirties and forties, Lester was a merchant, was elected mayor of Pleasant Hill and became well-known as the best Santa Claus in the territory. He even owned his own red suit. From time to time Esma Hodges of Pleasant Hill joined his act, playing the part of Mrs. Claus. Untold thousands of persons were allowed a little extra joy for having known Lester Bell. He left Cass County during the sixties to retire in Los Angeles, California. He passed away in February 1974 at the age of 83. Lester Bell was at one time or another, mailcarrier, McNess Medicine man, furniture salesman, Mayor of Pleasant Hill, many times the main attraction at street fair tacky parades, Metropolitan Insurance Co. agent, real estate agent, school teacher and many other positions. However, to the "Bell Kids" he will always be Santa Claus. Cass County is better off for having had Lester Bell as a part of it.

RUSSELL FRANKLIN BENNETT

Russell Franklin Bennett obtained the original homestead of his great-grandfather, James Walters, from Edward B. Brumley after the death of Russell Bennett's great-aunt, Minnie Bell (Walters) Brumley. (See James Walters sketch).

Russell F. Bennett married Gloria W. Stewart on June 10, 1951. She brought into the marriage two children, an adopted daughter, Gloria Lee Stewart, and a son Lawrence (Cotton) E. Stewart II. Then two children were born, Laura Lou Bennett and Russell F. Bennett Jr.

The Bennetts are hoping their children will always retain ownership of the "Family Homestead". In Apr. 1972 they deeded to their two daughters and oldest son each approximately ten acres, more or less. Upon his reaching legal age of responsibility, approximately 22 acres were deeded to their youngest son, Russell E. Bennett Jr.

Russell F. Bennett (far right), his parents and family.

Gloria Lee Bennett married Nov. 15, 1969 Royce O. Martinson. They have 2 children, Linda Lee and Royce Clayton, and are now living on their land.

Lawrence E. Stewart II married May 1, 1974 Ramona Lynn Slavens. They have not, as yet, established a home on the land.

Laura Lou Bennett married Dec. 28, 1968 Gary Lee Carter. They have a daughter Laura Lee, and are living on their land.

Russell F. Bennett Jr. married Apr. 24, 1976 Debra Jean Miller. They are now living on their land.

So the family, all but one, are living on cherished land of 125 years of continuous, direct family ownership.

BARBARA JANE (DEAN) BERRY

Barbara Jane Dean, daughter of John and granddaughter of Richard Dean, was born Jan. 18, 1843 near Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. She married Jacob Culp Berry Aug. 17, 1862 and removed to Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1863, then to Cass County, Missouri in 1870. In 1884 they moved to a farm south of Fredonia, Kansas. In 1893 Jake Berry died at the age of 52 and she and her children lived on the farm for several years before she went to Pawnee, Oklahoma to live with her son, John. She then went to Pittsburg, Kansas to make her home with others of her children until her daughter, Kate, married, when she moved back to Fredonia where she lived with Kate from 1919 until her death in 1934 at the age of 91 years 4 months and 9 days.

Barbara (Dean) and Jacob Berry had eleven children and forty-five grandchildren. The children: 1. Elmer Berry, born Ohio June 18, 1863, died Apr. 17, 1919, married Lizzie Taylor Dec. 17, 1887. They had two daughters and two sons of which a son and daughter died in infancy. Others were Ollie Berry, of Neodesha, Kansas, Mamie Berry died 1934 in Texas and Elmer Berry, of Weer City, Kansas died at age 55. 2. John Berry, born Jan. 21, 1865 in Indiana and died July 16, 1930, Cashmere, Washington. He never married. 3. Leona Florence Berry, born Jan. 24, 1868, died Apr. 1, 1940, married Nov. 20, 1887 George Rothgeb in Fredonia, Kansas. He was the son of Thomas J. Rothgeb and his wife Margaret Ann Roatcap, who were first cousins, Thomas being the son of Abraham Gothgeb and Margaret Ann the daughter of John Roatcap, two brothers who went west from Virginia but spelled their names differently. Leona and George Gothgeb had five children: 1. Bessie married Strickland Swell, of Redbridge, Canada. 2. Gertha married Robson, of Detroit. 3. Nellie married Mathis, of Neodesha, Kans. 4. Leland R., of Wichita, Kans. 5. Forest, of Flint, Mich.

The fourth child of Barbara and Jacob Berry was a son, born in Cass County, Missouri who lived only one month. 5. William Berry, born May 21, 1870, Cass County, Mo., died Sept. 28, 1934 at Baptist Mission Home in New Orleans, La. He had one son. 6. Albert Brookline Berry, born Jan. 30, 1872, Cass Co., died Wichita, Kans. March 6, 1937. Married Tillie Pauck. Three children: Hazel, Ralph and Erma. 7. Lizzie Ettie

Berry, born June 16, 1875, Cass Co., married Henry Hunter Apr. 8, 1894. They lived at Fredonia, Kans. and their children were Katie Belle, Eller, Henrietta, Tressie and Pauline. Three daughters died young. 8. Clyde Hamilton Berry, born Jan. 21, 1877, Cass Co., died Apr. 13, 1915 in Scammon, Kans., married Louise Roark and had five children, Cecil, Goldie, Darley, Sylvia and Frank Clyde. 9. Nora Kate Berry, born Dec. 24, 1880 Cass Co. married Pete Wickman and had Floyd, lives in Oregon; Nadene, lives in Texas; Raymond, drowned in 1946 at age 44. Nora Berry married 2nd Albert Jump, who died Dec. 7, 1938. They had Wilma, married Carter, Ardmore, Okla.; Ina, married Paul Heiser; Dean, married Laura Belle Dewey; Mildred, married Bowan; Ruby Jane, unmarried, died at age 33; Glen Dale, married Chrystal McPharson, Parsons, Kans. 10. Maud May Berry, born Sept. 28, 1882 Cass Co., married William Clark and had Erma; Glen, died 1949; Myron and Earl. Maud (Berry) Clark died May 28, 1937 at Fredonia, Kans. 11. Roy Melvin Berry, born July 9, 1885, Fredonia, Kans. married Ona Ethridge and had Zelma; Ralph; Leroy and Ruby. Roy and Ona Berry died in Washington state where they made their home.

DAVID PROCTOR BIRD

David Proctor Bird, son of Josias (Josiah) and Ann (Roberts) Bird, was born 15 May 1827, Muskingum Co., O., died 9 May 1900, Cass Co., Mo., married July 1853, Fairfield Co., O., Elizabeth Young, born 12 Feb. 1825, Fairfield Co., O., died 30 Jan. 1911, Harrisonville, Mo., daughter of Matthew and Nancy (Curry) Young. David P. Bird and his family came from Ohio to Cass Co., Mo. 1870, settling on a farm 2 miles N. of Gunn City. After his death his widow lived with all children at intervals, died at the home of her son Charles in Harrisonville where she and her husband are buried in Orient Cemetery. They had 5 children, all born Ohio: Clara, George, Lucy, Flora and Charles Bird.

Clara Bird, born 14 May 1854, died 15 Apr. 1932, married 18 Jan. 1877 William Bingham Franklin Bullock, 1853-1924. From 1900 on they lived in Harrisonville, Mo.

George Bird, born 19 Dec. 1855, died 12 July 1921, married 19 Apr. 1886 Lillias Olivia Bills, daughter of Warren P. and Drucilla (Barlow) Bills, born 17 Mch. 1863 near Strasburg, Mo., died 14 Oct. 1943. George Bird taught in rural Cass Co., schools, read law and was admitted to the Cass Co. bar then, in 1893, turned to surveying and civil engineering. He was Cass Co. Surveyor, at the end of which office he started bridge contracting and building and formed the Western Bridge Co. of Harrisonville. He was Mayor of Harrisonville 1893-1897 and instrumental in obtaining better streets and sidewalks and the first municipal electric light plant for Harrisonville. After his death his widow lived a number of years at Rockaway Beach, Mo., returning to Harrisonville 1937. They were members of many organizations, of the Christian Church, are buried in Orient Cemetery. They had 2 sons, Allen Warren and Thomas Paul. Allen Warren Bird was born 8 Aug. 1888, died 23 Mch. 1929, married 19 Apr. 1911 Lora Famuliner, daughter of George W. and Rebecca (Alexander) Famuliner, born 11 Dec. 1893, died 4 Mch. 1971. Both are buried Orient Cemetery. They lived in Harrisonville where he carried on the Western Bridge Co. business after his father's death. They were active in many organizations and Mrs. Lora Bird will be especially remembered for dedicated work in behalf of Orient Cemetery and the Cemetery Association, of which she was a long time president. Thomas Paul Bird was born 15 Dec. 1893, died 25 Jan. 1954, Chicago, Ill., buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, married 16 June 1923, Chicago, Andrea Evelyn Boss. He was a veteran of WW I, a civil engineer, commercial artist, portrait painter and photographer, lived in Oak Park, Ill. One of his paintings, of Gen. John J. Pershing, he presented to the Hurley Lee Spicer Post of the American Legion, Harrisonville, in 1933. He had 2 sons, Paul Henry and Allen George Bird.

Lucy Bird was born 29 Aug. 1857, died 30 Apr. 1924, buried Gunn City, Mo. Cemetery, married 27 Nov. 1902 Thompson Bliss who died 17 Dec. 1910. They lived on a farm 2 miles NE of East Lynne, Mo.

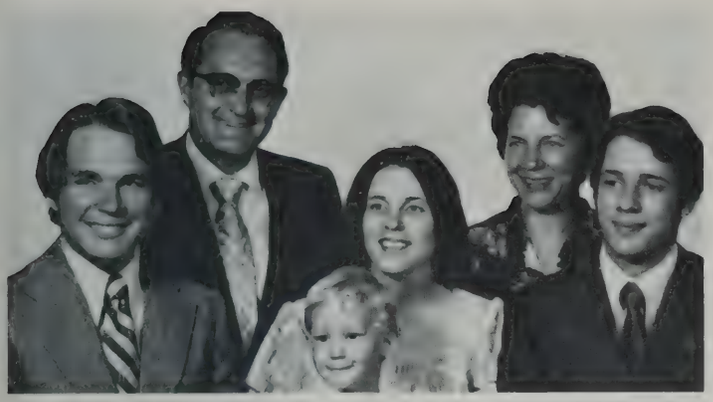
Flora Bird was born 17 Oct. 1859, died 8 Aug. 1911, Plevna, Kans., married J. Nathan Hinshaw and after marriage moved to Plevna. They had sons Lawrence W. and Lloyd Hinshaw.

Charles Bird was born 12 Nov. 1861, died 3 Feb. 1933, married 6 Mch. 1892 Ellis Hudson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Hudson, born 29 Oct. 1873 near Gunn City, Mo., died 14 Nov. 1960. They lived in Harrisonville, are buried in Orient Cemetery. Charles Bird taught school in Cass Co. 1887-1894 then was elected Circuit Clerk of the Co. and served two 4-year terms. He was in the hardware business for a few years then started a real estate and loan business, becoming one of the leading realtors of the county. They were members of the Christian Church where Mrs. Bird sang in the choir. She was a charter member of the Progress Club and Coterie. They had 3 sons: (1) Harry Hudson (Jay) Bird born 6 Mch. 1893, died 29 Mch. 1961 in a car accident near Lemasa, Tex., unmarried, a veteran of WW I, had carried on his father's business and been prominent in Harrisonville organizations. (2) Forrest Dim Bird born ca1895, died 31 May 1976, Los Angeles, Calif. where he had retired after many years in New York and elsewhere as a representative of Hallmark Cards, unmarried. (3) Charles Urless (Red) Bird born 20 Dec. 1897, died 14 Nov. 1955, St. Louis, Mo., married 1 Apr. 1928 Eunice M. Davis of Salina, Kans. He had the first filling station in Harrisonville, started a car rental business in Kansas City, Mo., went to Calif. in 1939 and formed the Bird Rental Service in Hollywood, his home at time of his death. Mrs. Bird lives in Los Angeles, Calif. The 3 Bird brothers are buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville.

CLYDE F. BLACO

The Clyde F. Blaco family moved to the Belton area in October of 1960. Clyde and his wife, Grace, were previously residents of Raytown, both being graduates of Raytown High School. Their residence in Belton is approximately four miles south of town on Mullen Road.

Clyde Francis Blaco is the son of Clyde Floran and Frances Blaco, both deceased, of Raytown, Mo. Clyde Sr. was from Stansbury, Mo. He worked for the K. C. Terminal from 1937-1965. His parents were of German descent. Frances Blaco was from Kansas City, Mo. Her parents were originally from Iola,



The Clyde F. Blaco Family.

Kansas, where they farmed. Her father, Glenn Butler, served in the American-Mexican border wars.

Grace Lea Blaco is the daughter of Violet E. and Noah E. Brower of R.R. 2, Belton. Mrs. Brower's parents, Elgins, were originally from Illinois and settled in Burlingame, Kansas early in 1900. They were of English and Swiss descent. They were farmers. After the death of her parents, Violet moved to Kansas City. She was 19 years old. She worked as child nurse and housekeeper. She met Noah E. Brower, who lived in Independence, Mo. Noah's father was from Hannibal, Mo. and of German descent. His mother was from Eldorado Springs, Mo. Noah's father worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until 1918, then worked for Wagoner Gates Flour Mill until retirement.

Grace and Clyde F. Blaco are the parents of four children; Clyde Everett, Cheryl Kay, Mark Clayton and Lance Warner. Clyde F. and son, Clyde, are owners and operators of Cassco Machining, Inc. Grace is active in the Tri-County Art League.

Clyde Everett Blaco, the oldest son, attended Cambridge grade school and graduated from Belton High School in 1969 after which he attended the University of Missouri at Rolla. He is married to Emily Joyce Stump, youngest daughter of Elmo and Arlene Stump. They were married in December of 1970 and now live in Belton.

Cheryl Kay Blaco also attended Cambridge Grade School and graduated from Belton High School in 1971. She is now married to Tim Hedding, of Olathe, Kansas and has one son, Robert Eugene. They reside in Olathe.

Mark Clayton Blaco attended Hillcrest Grade School and graduated from Belton High School in 1975. He joined the U.S. Air Force in May of 1975 and is currently stationed at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

Lance Warner Blaco was born in 1971 and will start kindergarten at Hillcrest Grade School in the fall of 1976.

BLAIR FAMILY

Alexander Franklin Blair and James Harrison Blair were brothers born to John Peoples Blair and Susan Ogden Blair who were farmers near Ligonier in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Alexander Franklin was born in 1833 and James Harrison in 1841. During the Civil War they both enlisted in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Quartermaster Department. In the later years of the war, both were stationed at Rolla, Missouri, and at Fort Scott, Kansas, holding the rank of "Corral Master." Fort Scott was a remount station for the western forts and the cavalry in general. The brothers handled the horses funnelling through Fort Scott to serve the needs of the cavalry for replacement mounts.

Both brothers were mustered out of the army at the end of the war, and both settled in Cass County. They homesteaded farms near Belton. Alexander Franklin became a cattleman and engaged in freighting operations on the plains. He married Nancy P. Johnson from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1867. The couple had no children. James Harrison married Rebecca Reed, also from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and they had three children: James Franklin Blair born 1868, Gertrude Lawrence Blair born 1871, and Charles Reed Blair born 1875. James Harrison remained a farmer all of his life, but from time to time engaged in freighting operations on the plains with his brother.

James Franklin Blair was reared and educated in the Belton area schools. When he was 19 he became associated with his uncle, Alexander Franklin, in the Bank of Belton and served in various capacities for 47 years until his death in 1934. James Franklin married Agnes Green in 1891, and they had five children: Nadine (now deceased), Bernice Garnett, Mary Rebecca, and twins Agnes Frances (now deceased), and James Franklin Jr. James Franklin Jr. (Frank) became associated with his father in the Bank of Belton in 1931, and is now president of the bank. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Atteberry) Blair, reside in the family home place. They have two children, Virginia Blair Benz and James Franklin Blair III. Virginia is a professional musician in New York City. She is a graduate of Bard College in New York and has one son, Blair Hamilton Benz. James, after serving four years in the United States Air Force, graduated from Missouri University — Columbia, and is now a vice president of the Bank of Belton.

Gertrude Lawrence Blair was born near Belton, educated in the Belton schools, and in 1893 married Henry Clay Henderson. The Henderson history appears elsewhere in this book.

Charles Reed Blair was born and educated in the Belton area. He was a successful farmer on the home place about two miles southeast of Belton. He married Susan Ellen March, and to this marriage three children were born: James Wallace (now deceased), Charles Lawrence (now deceased), and Julian D. James Wallace married Beulah Micke. Julian D. married Dorothy Seitz and they have three children: Robert J. Blair, Barbara Blair Peden, and Judy Blair McDowell. They live in Kansas City, Missouri.

CHARLES P. BLAYNEY

The first Blayney, who came to Missouri was the Rev. Charles P. Blayney, arriving in 1878. His brother William followed him (1880) to Cass County.

Charles Philander Blayney was born March 21, 1848, in Ohio County, West Virginia. He was the oldest son of Vincent Miller Blayney and Mary (Donahey) Blayney.

Charles was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College also Western College, both in Pennsylvania. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Washington in Pennsylvania,

then ordained by Osage Presbytery of Missouri in 1878. In response to request, he was sent out by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Upper Buffalo, Pennsylvania, to serve the young churches at Grant and Austin, Cass County Missouri.

During his first year at Olive Branch Church at Grant, Missouri, a request came from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society of St. Louis, urging the Olive Branch Society to organize a Presbyterial Society. Olive Branch was the oldest Missionary Society in Missouri, outside St. Louis. There was a group at Butler, and 4 or 5 others in Lafayette Presbytery. Rev. Blayney invited the women to come with the delegates to Presbytery meeting at Olive Branch later in the fall. Only a few came but the next year a Presbyterian Society was organized. Miss Maggie Wallis of Olive Branch Society was the first secretary and served for five years.

Rev. Blayney built a house in Grant. The house was at the south of the village and the well, for house use, is still in existence.

On October 4, 1881, Miss Maggie Sarah Wallis and Charles P. Blayney were married. Maggie was the youngest daughter of Jacob C. and Mary (Dimn) Wallis. She was born June 28, 1857. Mrs. Mark A. Creighton (Adelle) and D. V. Wallis were her sister and brother.

Charles and Maggie served the churches at Grant and Austin until 1884 when they were transferred to Raymore Missouri, they sold their house to the Olive Branch Church and stayed 2 years in Raymore. He worked in several rural or village churches in North Missouri until his retirement. He bought a home in Marshall, Missouri. He died in 1938 and Maggie in 1939. They are both buried at Marshall, Missouri.

Children of Charles P. and Maggie (Wallis) Blayney were: 1. Ralph, who died in infancy and is buried at Grant. 2. Dimner Vincent, born May 29, 1885 at Raymore, Missouri. Married Pearl Laney of Pleasant Hope, Missouri in 1916. He was a Presbyterian Minister serving churches in Ohio; Asherville, North Carolina; and Richmond, Virginia. He died June 9, 1962 at Richmond and is buried there. His wife and daughters, Mary Beth Blayney and Mrs. Loyd Olsen, still survive. 3. Mary D. Blayney, born May 23, 1892 at Milan, Missouri. She taught music in the Marshall High School and was a church organist and cellist in Missouri Valley College Orchestra. She was Professor of Music at Ohio University at Athens, Ohio for 34 years. She also had private pupils after her retirement. She was State Director of Ohio Music Study Clubs. She now lives at a retirement home in Columbus, Ohio.

KENNETH EARL BLAYNEY

Kenneth Earl Blayney, younger son of William Earl and Anna (England) Blayney, was born Oct. 11, 1925 near Creighton, Cass Co., Mo. He attended Dover Rural School and Creighton High School. Mr. George Stewart was the bus driver when the Blayney boys rode the bus in the early 1940s. Kenneth became a member of the Presbyterian Church while still a boy, was a member of the Union Young People of the Creighton Churches, and was one of a group who attended Church Camp at Hollister, Mo. He was a 4-H Club member several years and attended Summer Camp at Knobnoster,

Virginia, Kevin and Kenneth Blayney.

Mo. 1939, but developed an ear infection and had to have a mastoid operation. After finishing High School he worked on the farm with his father, then served in the 19th Division of the U.S. Army in the Philippines. In 1950 he graduated with a B.S. degree from the College of Agriculture, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo. He then returned to the farm, worked with his father and started a herd of Registered Hereford cattle. He was active in 4-H work, being Township Community leader and County 4-H President. He was Superintendent of the Sunday School and sang in the Creighton Presbyterian Church choir.

Kenneth Earl Blayney married Sept. 27, 1953, at the Baptist Church in Clinton, Mo., Virginia Lee Rapp, daughter of Rudolph and Helen (Westerman) Rapp. Mr. Rapp was born in Germany and came to Clinton when a young man. Virginia attended school in Clinton, finished High School 1948 and was bookkeeper for Clearfield Cheese Co. of Clinton until her marriage. They established their home in Kansas City, living in Hickman Mills. Kenneth is a Control Clerk of the U.S. Post Office of Kansas City, Mo., and Virginia is secretary to the manager of Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co., Kansas City.

Kenneth and Virginia have one son, Kevin Earl Blayney born July 3, 1962, Kansas City, Mo. The family are members of the Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church where Kenneth is an elder, choir member, and Scoutmaster and Kevin is a member of the troop. They are interested in camping, fishing, sports, music, square dancing. Kenneth and his brother-in-law, Henry Rapp, manage the Rapp farm near Urich, Mo. In 1972 Kenneth, Virginia, Kevin, and Virginia's brother and sister, Henry Rapp and Mrs. Glen Hilbert, flew to Germany to visit their father's sister and family, being gone 4 weeks and spending some time also in Austria and Switzerland.

WILLIAM EARL BLAYNEY

William Earl Blayney, youngest son of William Vincent and Mary (Sliffe) Blayney, was born July 16, 1879 near Creighton, Cass Co., Mo., married Jan. 10, 1924 near Clinton, Henry Co., Mo., Anna Elizabeth England, oldest child of William and Carrie (Maudsley) England, born June 7, 1902 near Clinton, of English ancestry, all of her grandparents coming to America between 1840 and 1854.

Earl and Anna Blayney

Earl Blayney attended Dover Rural School and Creighton High School and graduated Feb. 1922 from Missouri Univ. College of Agriculture. He went to work for the Dairy Dept. of the College of Agriculture, near Hannibal, Mo., but was called home because of the illness of his father who died Nov. 4, 1922, and stayed home to care for the farm for his mother. Anna England attended Freedom Rural School, Clinton High School, and Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., taught 2 years in rural schools in Henry Co. then came to Creighton 1921 to teach the primary grades.

After their marriage Earl and Anna Blayney lived on the farm with his mother. He bought the home farm of 80 acres and gradually increased his land holdings to 320 acres. He was deeply concerned with soil improvement and conservation and built the first terraces in Sherman Township on his farm in 1929. He was equally devoted to raising and improving his fine livestock. He and his wife were involved in many community and county affairs. He was elected to the Dover School Board 1923 and served 12 years, was on the Sherman Township Board, was secretary-treasurer of Grant Cemetery Association, a member of Cass Co. Extension Council, Cass Co. P.M.A. Committee, Mo. Farmers Association. He was one of the Incorporators of Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, was elected to the Board of Directors at the time of organization 1938 and has missed only 7 monthly meetings in the 38 years since, has been President of the Osage Valley Board of Directors for 25 years, has also served on the Mo. Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and Mo. Electric Cooperative Executive Committee. Anna became a member of the Jolly Homemakers Extension Club 1925 and belonged for 25 years, served on the Cass Co. Extension Council, was Clerk of Dover School for several years. They have been constantly active in all areas of church life. Earl was a member of the Creighton Presbyterian Church and ordained an elder 1923. Anna transferred her membership from the Clinton, Mo. Christian Church to the Creighton Presbyterian Church 1924 and became a member of the Olive Branch Missionary Society. Earl was twice a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, frequently represented the Church at Synod and Presbytery meetings, was active in the organization of Grand River Larger Parish and was its first Moderator. When the Creighton and Urich Congregations united to become Evangel Presbyterian Church, Earl and Anna became active members there.

Earl and Anna Blayney had 2 sons, William Vincent and Kenneth Earl Blayney. They were active members of 4-H, graduated from Creighton High School, had military service and graduated from Missouri University College of Agriculture. Kenneth was at home farming and raising cattle for 3 years then moved to Kansas City, Mo. Vincent and his father were partners in farming and dairy business. For reasons of health the farming and cattle raising operations have been given up to great extent but Earl and Anna Blayney still live on the farm.

WILLIAM VINCENT BLAYNEY I

William Vincent Blayney I, was born November 15, 1855 at Taylorstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania, the son of Vincent Miller and Mary (Donahey) Blayney. His grandfathers, Charles Blayney and Samuel Blayney, both immigrated to Pennsylvania from Ireland in 1795. The children of Vincent Miller and Mary (Donahey) Blayney were: Anna Jane (Blayney) Eagleson; Charles P. Blayney; Samuel Donahey Blayney; William Vincent Blayney and Joseph Clarence Blayney.

William Vincent received his education in the local school. He remained at home helping his father with the farm. In February 1880, he came to Missouri to live on a farm, near Grant, Missouri which his parents had recently purchased from Captain Stahl. His brother, Charles P. Blayney, met him at Holden, Missouri. The snow was crusted so deep that they could not find the road, so they just drove across fields and fences.

William Vincent Blayney and Mary Elizabeth Sliffe were married at the home of her parents on December 23, 1884. Mary Elizabeth (Sliffe) Blayney was the oldest daughter of Benjamin and Druscilla (Maxwell) Sliffe. She was born November 4, 1861 in Tuscaroras County, Ohio. Her grandfather was one of the early pioneers of Ohio, coming in 1803. Mary's great-grandfather, Jacob Sliffe, immigrated to America from Germany when 17 years old. He served under George Washington and fought at Valley Forge.

Mary (Sliffe) Blayney came with her parents to a farm near Austin, Cass County, Missouri in 1880.

William V. and Mary (Sliffe) Blayney were the parents of three children: Homer Uel, February 15, 1886; Grace Carsona, May 31, 1888 and William Earl, born July 16, 1897. All born near Creighton.

In 1889, William and Mary built a two story house. The framework was all full-cut yellow pine, well braced. The living room and hall had trim of butternut wood, carved, as was the fashion. The walls were plastered and are still in good condition. The ceilings are ten feet high. David Erwin was head carpenter. In 1912, a large, well-constructed barn was built by J. M. Smothers with 3 helpers.

Beside farming, Mr. Blayney taught vocal music, beginning in the winter of 1881. He taught singing schools in many communities in the Bates and Henry Counties. From 12 to 30 young people would assemble at a school house (usually) every night for three weeks. The fee was one dollar per pupil. A contract between William Blayney and young people of Hickory Grove, Henry County, is in existence.

William directed the choir of the Grant and later the Creighton Presbyterian Church for many years and encouraged a love for good music in many young people. He died November 4, 1922 at his home and is buried in Grant Cemetery.

Mary continued to live at the family home, a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and the Olive Branch Missionary Society. She died April 23, 1950 at her home and is buried in Grant Cemetery. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Grace C. Blayney preceded her parents in death, March 24, 1920 and is buried at Grant Cemetery. She attended Dover Rural School north of Creighton and one mile from the town of Grant. The first Dover school house which according to old settlers, was a log building at the northeast corner of the Blayney farm. The school which Grace and her brothers attended was ¾ mile farther east. In 1904 that building was moved ½ mile north and ¼ mile west to a new site. One year later a brick building was erected and was used until about 1950.

She was a member of the Creighton Presbyterian Church and of the Olive Branch Missionary Society, serving as secretary.

When bad road conditions kept the family from driving the distance to Creighton, the Blayneys walked across the fields to the Methodist Church at Grant where Grace was with young people her age and Mary often taught a class of boys.

Homer Uel Blayney oldest child of William and Mary was a farmer all his life. When a young man he worked away from home near Garden City, Missouri then went to Pueblo and Leadville, Colorado.

On February 26, 1915 Homer was married to Mabel Grace Stevens, daughter of Williams A. and Emma (Sliffe) Stevens. They farmed near her parents near Garden City for a few years, then went to Rupert, Idaho where they raised their family of four children. He was successful in farming, having to learn new methods of agriculture. They were members of the Grange and of the Methodist Church where Mabel taught a Sunday School class until 3 months before her death.

Homer died February 1960, at Rupert, Idaho and is buried there. Mabel died July 1969, at Rupert, Idaho and is buried beside her husband.

WILLIAM VINCENT BLAYNEY

William Vincent Blayney, oldest son of William Earl and Anna (England) Blayney, was born Oct. 29, 1924 near Creighton, Mo. He received his early education at Dover Rural School and Creighton High School, riding a bus over dirt roads. Often the bus became stuck and the boys had to push or sometimes all the pupils had to walk part way. He was a member of the local 4-H Club, the summer of 1939 attending 4-H camp at Knobnoster, Mo. At an early age he joined the Union Young People's group of the Creighton Churches and one summer attended Church Camp at Hollister, Mo. After finishing High School he worked 2 years for Mr. James Palmer a dairy farmer near Pleasant Hill, Mo., then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served 2 years on Guam. He entered Missouri University but was recalled to duty in the Marine Reserves and served 2 years in Korea. On June 7, 1953 he received his B.S. degree from Missouri University, College of Agriculture. He married Aug. 9, 1953, in the Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Mo., Juanita Pearl Strawn, daughter of Mortimer Paul and Pearl (MacDaniel) Strawn of Columbia.

The William Vincent Blayney Family.

She received her education in the public schools of Columbia and was a licensed Practical Nurse working at the University Hospital when married.

Vincent and Juanita Blayney bought a farm NW of Creighton and he farmed in partnership with his father. They were active in community affairs, Vincent on the Sherman Township Board, President of the Cass Co. Extension Council, an elder in the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School Superintendent, Juanita a member of the Jolly Homemakers Extension Club, working in the Olive Branch Missionary Society, teaching in Vacation Bible School, and returning to nursing for a time. Vincent had to give up farming because of a severe allergy to farm dust. He worked a short time with the Andrew Kimmell Epoxy Co. but had to give up that work because of allergy to epoxy. He went to work for the Kansas City Post Office and commuted to work for a year then in 1963 sold his farm and bought a home in Crossgates, a subdivision of Grandview, Mo. He works as a letter carrier and enjoys it. Juanita works at her profession of nursing from time to time. Her mother Mrs. Strawn has made her home with them since Mr. Strawn's death. The family are members of Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church where Vincent is an elder, choir member, and Leader of the Boy Scout Troop of the Church.

Vincent and Juanita Blayney have 4 children: Paul Vincent born June 16, 1957, a member of the Church choir and Eagle Scout; Martha Louise born Sept. 10, 1958; Phillip Charles born Dec. 21, 1962; and David William born Sept. 1, 1967, who both belong to the Boy Scout Troop. The family enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, and music.

WILLIAM JAMES BOALS

In 1868 William James Boals, 25 years old, came to Cass County from the State of Michigan. He purchased land north of Garden City. His parents and an older brother and sister, both single, came to join him.

William was born in New York state, but left there with his parents, who had come from Ireland, when he was two years old.

Another sister, Rosa, and her husband, John Anderson, soon joined the family in Missouri and bought the land on which the main part of Garden City stands.

William and his brother, John Boals, improved the land which they owned with new buildings. They built a new house, as the old one burned their first year in Missouri.

Mrs. William Boals (Lucy Stair) came to Missouri at age six in 1866 from Wisconsin. Her folks settled on a farm near the old Union Hall rural school. She taught school before her marriage.

One of their sons, John, was an honor student at Warrensburg State Normal in 1912-14. Two of their daughters, Pet Mae and Zara, finished C.M.S.T.C. at Warrensburg and taught school for many years. The oldest daughter, Agnes, stayed at home and helped with the enormous farm chores.

In 1914 William Jr. and John both passed away at 21 years and 19 years of age. So Frank, the youngest son, a lad of 14 years, and his 72 year old father were left to operate the farm. Mr. Boals hauled his surplus wheat to Pleasant Hill, a distance of 25 miles each way, in a wagon drawn by a team of horses. Several years later the wheat was harvested by a binder drawn by horses, which were driven by Zara while Dad and Frank shocked the wheat or oats.

Three events during the year were important: the "Bean Eat" at Austin, the county fair at Harrisonville and the street fair at Garden City. The family would get up at 4:00 A.M., do the chores, then ride to the affairs in their surrey, pulled by a gay pair of driving horses. Sure enjoyed the cotton candy. Threshing days were big also, sometimes lasting five days with much food to prepare.

Those early days were full of work with enjoyment and time to visit, truly one had a full happy family life, which is something to treasure in spite of sorrow along with happiness.

Grandpa Boals was the third person buried in Clearford Cemetery back in 1869.

G. A. BOGAR

G. A. Bogar was born in Harrisonville, Missouri Oct. 29, 1874. He was the son of John Henry and Melissa E. Beck Bogar. He was married Jan. 9, 1898 to Nancy Ella Elizabeth Peel. They spent their entire married life on farms south of Freeman, Missouri. All of their six children were born on the Bogar homestead. They were Zelma, who married Merle Richardson and had one daughter, Jo Ann. John W. (1900-1969), who married Rena Johnson, their children were Gerald, Milly and Sue. Harold (1902-1974), who married Ruth Thomas and had Bernita and Donald. Vinecy, who married Raymond Stark, their children were R. L., Billy W., Louise and Bruce. Alvah, (1909-1973) who married Neta Mae Martin, their children were Stephen, Beverly and Gayle. Lloyd, who married Arlene Bratton.

G. A. and Ella were married 60 years when he passed away February 14, 1958. Ella lived to be almost 99 years old. She passed away Jan. 6, 1974. They are buried in Freeman Cemetery.

ED BOHL

Edmund August Bohl Jr., the son of Edmund August Bohl and Narcissa Bell Hensley, was born in Hermann, Mo. on December 3, 1938. He spent his entire childhood in the city of 2500 that has a strong German heritage, and in 1956, graduated from Hermann High School. His only brother, Robert Merritt, was born August 2, 1941, and married the former Katherine Keller of Hermann and they have three children. His father and brother own and operate Moval Farms Inc., a small family farm corporation specializing in grain and livestock. For many years, his mother also owned a ladies ready-to-wear store.

Ed Bohl attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in February, 1960, and later returned to complete a Master of Science degree in 1967. Both degrees were in Extension Education, with major emphasis on agricultural economics and communications.

In September, 1960, Bohl traveled to Australia as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate, where he spent 5½ months living and working with 12 host families.

After his eight month trip abroad, he began his duties in Cass County on September 1, 1961 as an Assistant County Agent in training. The assignment was made permanent, and the title was later changed to Extension Youth Agent. The position involved working with more than 650 county 4-H members plus over 200 adult leaders, as well as with various special-interest youth groups.

On May 1, 1968, Ed Bohl began work as a Regional Fieldman for the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, traveling in 19 west-central Missouri counties and assisting county Farm Bureaus in organizational and membership activities.

February 11, 1970, Bohl submitted his resignation to Farm Bureau and filed as a Republican candidate for State Representative in what was then the 110th district. At the same time, he began work in Cass County as a real estate salesman. In the November 3, 1970 general election, he was defeated by incumbent representative Frank L. Mickelson by a vote of 3851 to 3402.

On March 16, 1972, he again filed for State Representative in what had become the 115th district, and in the November 7, 1972 general election became the first Republican to represent this area in several decades by defeating incumbent Mickelson, 5432 to 4697. In the 77th General Assembly, he served on the Elections, Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices, and Welfare and Medicaid committees. He also served on an interm joint House-Senate Election Study Committee.

Filing for re-election on January 16, 1974, Bohl once again was challenged by Mickelson, who this time defeated Bohl in

the November 5, 1974 general election by a vote of 3524 to 3410.

On December 1, 1974, Ed Bohl began work as news director and salesman with KIEE-FM, which had first gone on the air July 19, 1974.

In January 1975, Ed Bohl was one of six commissioners nominated by the Missouri Supreme Court, appointed by Governor Christopher S. Bond, and confirmed by the Senate, to serve on the newly created Missouri Elections Commission. The Commission had been created by passage of the Campaign Finance and Disclosure law by the voters in November 1974. In 1976, he serves as Vice-Chairman of the Elections Commission, which meets monthly.

Bohl is a member of the M.U. Alumni Association, I.F.Y.E. Alumni Association, Harrisonville United Methodist Church, and Lions Club, and was formerly a Jaycee. In 1975, he served as the general chairman of the first Log Cabin Festival held in Harrisonville. Ed Bohl is single and has never married.

SAMUEL LEROY BOURLAND

Samuel Leroy Bourland, son of Andrew Milbourn and Susan Caroline (Hicks) Bourland was born June 18, 1875 on a farm near Woodlawn, Illinois, one of ten children. He was a member of the Woodlawn Methodist Church. On June 28, 1898 during the Spanish American War he joined the U.S. Army, and was a member of Co. K., 9th Regiment of the Illinois Infantry Volunteers as a Private. On Oct. 8, 1898 while home on furlough he was united in marriage with Malinda Piercy at Mt. Vernon, Illinois. She was the daughter of James Ransen and Ann Magdalene (Vincenz) Piercy, and was born on May 14, 1880 in Woodlawn, Illinois. Sam was honorably discharged on May 20, 1899 in Augusta, Ga. They established their home near Mt. Vernon, Illinois, while living there, Nellie May, Edith Magdeline and Susan Malinda were born. In 1908 they moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas where their other three children, Mattie Pearl, Ray Milbourn and Samuel Leroy were born. In the spring of 1916 they moved to Freeman, Cass Co., Mo. where they lived until their death. Sam was a farmer and in later life worked for Earl Parks. He had a way with growing plants. All varieties Malinda canned and cooked. Her kitchen always smelled of good food. After their children married and had families, all returned for holidays and other occasions where good times and good food were enjoyed. Malinda was a member of the Freeman Presbyterian Church and the Freeman Chapter O.E.S. both of which she attended regularly. On Oct. 8, 1948 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home with their family and friends. They celebrated ten more before Sam died on Nov. 12, 1958 in their home. Malinda died April 20, 1963, both are buried in the Freeman Cemetery.

Ray Milbourn Bourland, son of Samuel Leroy and Malinda (Piercy) Bourland was born on Feb. 11, 1912 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He attended grade school at Freeman, Mo. On Dec. 17, 1932 he married Lila Pearl Suddarth, their children; Shirley Jean was born on Sept. 9, 1936 and Gerald Wayne was born on Jan. 16, 1939. They lived on a farm south of Freeman until 1937. While Ray was working for Stanolind Pipe Line

Samuel Leroy and Malinda Bourland.

Co. he was transferred to Marceline, Mo. and later Bowling Green, Mo. In 1943 they returned to Freeman and bought a home next to Ray's parents where they lived until 1948 when they moved to their farm one mile north of Freeman. They were members of the Freeman Baptist Church. On Jan. 16, 1965, Lila Pearl died in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo. and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery. Ray married Pauline McMeins on March 17, 1967 at the Freeman Baptist Church and they live on the farm north of Freeman today. After 32 years, Ray retired in 1970 from the Service Pipe Line Co., formerly Stanolind Pipe Line Co. and now spends his time raising cattle.

Shirley Jean Bourland attended Freeman School and graduated in 1954. On June 6, 1954 she and Norman Carl (Jack) Hutson were married by Rev. Joe Brewster at the Freeman Baptist Church.

Gerald Wayne (Buck) Bourland attended Freeman School and graduated in 1957. He was a member of the Freeman Baptist Church and belonged to various Boy Scout groups attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, received the God and Country Award, and was a member of the Mic-o-say Tribe. He was a member of De—Molay at Harrisonville. He was on the basketball and softball teams, on the honor roll, in the Junior and Senior class plays and valedictorian of his Senior class. He attended CMSU and obtained his B.S. degree in 1961, and his M.A. degree in 1969. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Social Fraternity. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves in Kansas City, Mo. on April 26, 1961 and is currently the Commanding Officer of the Kansas City, Mo. CG RU 0282124, holding the rank of LCDR. He is a Senior Information Systems Programmer at Western Electric Co. in Lee's Summit, Mo. On Feb. 4, 1963 he married Charlene Mae Gentile, they have two children; Lori Lyn, born Oct. 7, 1963 and Tracy Anne born March 14, 1966. They presently live between Peculiar and Freeman, Mo.

BRADFORD FAMILY

William J. Bradford was born in 1868, the son of John R. Bradford and Selena G. Garland, who were both born in Somerset, England. John R. and Selena were married in 1866 and immigrated to America and purchased a farm near Lee's Summit, Mo.

William J. Bradford married Sallie Dehoney in 1895. Sally was the daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth Dehoney, who were also Cass County residents. William J. and Sallie established a home in Drexel, Mo. He had an insurance agency and published the local weekly newspaper. While Sallie was on a visit to her parents in Belton, Mo. in 1898, their only child, Gilmore Garland Bradford, was born. William J. sold his interest in Drexel and joined his father-in-law, Simeon Dehoney, in a grocery store in Belton. In 1900 Simeon retired and sold the store to William J. who operated alone for several years, then sold the business and opened a real estate agency. He occupied an office in a building now occupied by Dryden Drug Co. In 1909 he sold the home on Commercial Street and purchased a home and two acres of land where the A & P store now stands. This remained his home for 50 years until his death in 1960 at the age of 92.

William J. and his wife were very active in religious, fraternal, and civic affairs. He served as mayor of Belton in 1906, 1907, 1908, 1923, 1924, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, and 1940. He also served as associate judge on the Cass County Court in Harrisonville for two terms 1929 through 1932. Sallie died in 1939.

Gilmore Garland Bradford attended Belton public schools and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia. During summers at the University he served as platform superintendent for the Redpath Chautauqua. After graduation he went to the Philippine Islands for two years. He was a high school teacher in northern Luzon the first year. The second year he was principal of schools in Jolo, Sulu. After returning to the U.S. he joined the Frigidaire Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. For seven years thereafter he traveled through Asia and the Near East, introducing Frigidaire, which was then a new product. He married Lometa Mooney (born in Pattonsburg, Mo.) in Kobe, Japan, in 1933. About this time General Motors Corporation, owner of the Frigidaire Corporation, took over the export of Frigidaire products and began to market them through its branches abroad. Bradford was appointed manager for Frigidaire in the China territory in 1935. He and his wife were in Shanghai until 1939 when he transferred to Tientsin as the North China manager for General Motors. After a home leave in 1941 he returned to China. Because of the tense political situtation, Lometa was not allowed to accompany him. He was stationed in Hong Kong, and was there when the city fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day, 1941. He remained a prisoner of the Japanese until August, 1942, and then returned to the U.S. on the M.S. Gripsholm in a prisoner exchange.

He returned to Asia after the war as sales manager and eventually Managing Director of the General Motors operation in several countries. At his retirement he was manager of the General Motors operation in Mexico. Since his retirement in 1961 he and his wife have maintained homes in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Boca Raton, Florida, and now live in San Diego, California.

Brannock Home in Big Creek Twp., built in 1869.

WILLIAM ASBURY BRANNOCK

William Asbury Brannock was born 1821, Paris, Ky. and moved to Cass Co., Mo. 1854, where he bought several hundred acres at $1.25 an acre. During his lifetime he had many vocations, stone mason, farmer, trotting horse breeder and liquor dealer. By his first wife he had one son, Walker Brannock. His wife died and he married second Elizabeth Kiser of Ky. where she stayed with his small son during the Civil War. During the war William kept Union soldiers overnight, supplying them with food, water and bedding. They did not loot or burn his property but went up the road to the Judy farm and burned it to the ground after looting it. After the war Elizabeth came to Cass Co., bringing with her two young negro girls, Mary and Tiz, who had been slaves of her father but who from then on received wages. In 1869 William built a comfortable home 5 miles W. of Pleasant Hill, Mo. In the same year their son Eddie Lee was born. William's interest in the betterment of the community was shown by his giving land for a public road, now highway 291. At his death he still owned 160 of his original acres. He died 1903 and was buried on Christmas Day in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Eddie Lee Brannock married Emma Mills. Emma died 1933, Kansas City, Mo., and Eddie Lee died 1948 at his daughter Virginia's in Calif. Both are buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City. At Eddie Lee's death the land was divided between his 4 children. His son Lee received the plot with the house where he lived until Feb. 1954, when the 85 year old house burned leaving only the chimneys standing. At that time the land had been in the family over 100 years. The 4 children of Eddie Lee and Emma Brannock were: (1) Mildred Frances (Brannock) Floerke born 1894, of Overland Park, Kans. She had one child, Joe Eddie Floerke, of Overland Park, Kans., who had 2 children, Linda Sue (Floerke) Camp of Belton, Mo. who has 2 daughters, Kimberly Allison and

Kendra Lynne Camp, and Joe Eddie Floerke II. (2) Virginia "Teddy" (Brannock) Marchel born 1897, of Overland Park, Kans., had no children. (3) Lee Dunlap Brannock born 1901, of Albuquerque, New Mex., had 5 children: Hugh Douglas Brannock of Pleasant Hill, Mo. who has 2 daughters, Barbara Lee (Brannock) Brown who has children Joseph Douglas and Christy Lee Brown, and Joyce Ann (Brannock) Stogdell who has daughter Lisa Ann Stodgell; Lee Dunlap Brannock Jr. of Kansas City, Mo. who had 3 daughters, Sheri, deceased, Paula Jane and Rhonda Hope; Robert Ewing Brannock of Calif. who has 2 sons, Robert Lane who has daughter Lisa Ann, and Jesse Parker; William Parker Brannock of Calif. who has children Jessica Ann and William Lee; Merle Jean (Brannock) Flannery of Pleasant Hill, Mo. who has children Dara Lynn (Flannery) Swadley, Rex Lane and Randy Ray Flannery. (4) William Ewing Brannock of Camarillo, Calif., born 1903, had 3 children, Lorna Maurine, deceased, Elinor Lee (Brannock) Gunther of Calif. who has 3 daughters and a son of whom are Stefani (Gunther) Knoeller with children Adam, Jason and Cory Knoeller and Teresa (Gunther) Reimiller with children Amie and Hans Reimiller, and Wilma Louise (Brannock) Peet of Calif. who has 4 sons, Ronald, Kevin, Lindsay and Dennis Peet.

JOSHUA JAMES GIVEN BRATTEN

After serving three years in the Civil War (Company F, Indiana Cavalry), and with some skirmishes in the western part of Missouri, Joshua James Given Bratten had seen enough of the west to whet his desires for the future. So it was, in 1869, with his bride, Theodoshia Orenda (Gookins), and with Cass County as their destination, they left Ripley County, Indiana, traveling in a covered wagon to Harrisonville. The trip required four full weeks of constant plodding, averaging about twenty miles per day.

Working as a drayman, hauling freight by mule-drawn wagon, was his first occupation. The route was Westport to Harrisonville. A couple of years later, however, farming attracted them and a small acreage was obtained near the old Rocky Ford schoolhouse southeast of Peculiar. In 1880 land was purchased in the southeast corner of Raymore Township, near the Coleman community, where the home was established with a family of seven children: Irma (1870); Clifford (1872); Clarence (1875); Lillie (1878); Daisy (1880); Nellie (1886); and Lloyd (1893). The latter three children died in their younger years. Joshua and "Dolie" were involved in the affairs of the community and the Coleman Baptist Church. Josh was a deacon and "Dolie" was the first president of the newly established Women's Missionary Society.

Each of their four older children was married to a childhood sweetheart of the community: Irma to Ab Reeder; Clifford to Emma Shackelford; Clarence to Lilly Benton; and Lillie to George Painter. Josh and "Dolie" moved back to Harrisonville for their retirement in 1902, where they lived until her death in 1922. Josh then went back to the farm until his death in 1938.

Of the four married children only Clifford and Emma remained in the community to make their home and raise their family at the Bratten farm. Their children were: Della (1899); Margie (1906); and Clifford, Jr. (1909). Like their parents before them each married a childhood sweetheart and classmate from their Raymore High School days: Della to Lester Chaffin; Margie to Lyle Jeter; and Clifford, Jr. to Mary Louise Campbell. Also, like their parents before them, the children of Clifford and Emma started their elementary education at the Greenlee School. After college, Della was a high school math teacher for several years in the county, at Pleasant Hill for one year and at Peculiar for three years. Margie taught at the Coleman grade school. Mary Louise (Mrs. Clifford O., Jr.) taught at West Union for three years and at Peculiar grade school for two years. Clifford Jr. followed a business career in advertising and is now, after retirement, living at the farm. Clifford III, a fourth generation of the Bratten family, also lives at the farm while attending graduate school at UMKC.

Community, church and school activities were well served by this branch of the Bratten family. Clifford, Sr. was a deacon in the Coleman Baptist Church, for seventeen years served on the Raymore Township Board, served as a Justice of the Peace, was on the school board, and in his later years, after a long period of farming, was a director of the Cass County Mutual Insurance Co. After his death in 1957 Emma continued to live at the farm home alone until shortly before her death in 1974 at age ninety-nine. The family farm is still owned by their children, making it continuously in possession for just short of one hundred years by the direct descendants of Joshua and Theodoshia Bratten.

CHARLES FRANKLIN BREED

Allen Breed was born in Breede, England in 1601 and immigrated to this country with John Winthrop, first Governor of Massachusetts, on board one of eleven ships landing at Salem, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Knight, who emigrated with him. From him descended our part of the Breed family.

Charles Franklin Breed, son of Henry and Agathia Smith Breed, was born November 8, 1851, in Toledo, Ohio. He married Julia Tausch, daughter of Elizabeth Schwalb and George C. Tausch, of Worden, Illinois, on October 28, 1886. They had two children, George Smith and Redmond Henry. Charles Franklin Breed died April 28, 1939, and Julia Tausch Breed died November 8, 1957, both are buried in the Garden City Cemetery.

George Smith Breed was born April 4, 1890, in Rice, Kansas. He married Jessie Ellen Crooks April 4, 1926. George Smith Breed died May 27, 1958. Jessie Ellen Breed died November 14, 1957, both are buried in the Garden City Cemetery.

Redmond Henry Breed was born in Rice, Kansas, December 22, 1891, and died December 6, 1971, in Garden City, Missouri. He married Edna Mable Schrock June 30, 1917. They were the parents of J. R., Charles Harold and John William Breed. Redmond Henry is buried in the Garden City Cemetery.

J. R. Breed was born April 1, 1919, in Garden City, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Ann Dickey September 14, 1946. They were the parents of one son, James Redmond Breed, born September 12, 1957. J. R. married Adele Taylor Breed May 1, 1965.

Charles Harold Breed was born January 21, 1921, in Garden City, Missouri. He married Virginia May Winemiller, June 4, 1946. They were the parents of five children: Charles Redmond, born May 23, 1948, in Phoenix, Arizona; George Michael born August 20, 1949, in Harrisonville, married Janet Marilyn James December 19, 1974, in Phoenix, Arizona; Richard Joseph, born January 15, 1951, in Phoenix, Arizona; Laura Beth, born January 1, 1955, in Phoenix, Arizona, married Brian Hooks June 21, 1975, in Phoenix, Arizona; and Julie Ann, born August 29, 1957, in Phoenix, Arizona.

John William Breed was born May 28, 1928, in Garden City, Missouri, and died September 3, 1962, in Garden City, Missouri. He married Adele Taylor Krause September 6, 1956, and they were the parents of one son, William Redmond, born November 18, 1959.

FORREST BREMER

Forrest T. Bremer was born in Derby, Iowa in 1897 to Mr. and Mrs. Newton M. Bremer. He was the seventh of a family of nine children, the second son.

He got his education in the Derby public school, coming to Peculiar, Cass County in 1912 with the family, his father having bought a farm south of Peculiar in 1911. The farm, 320 acres, was first entered in the name of Charles F. Payne in 1853. In 1890 it was sold to James H. and Margaret P. Welborn, later they sold to Thomas and Mary F. Coulter, Mr. Bremer purchasing it from Mr. Peter Samuelson. The family lived in Peculiar until Mr. Bremer could build the new home. As customary, the original house was near the center of the farm and was not adequate for the Bremer family. The new house was located near the road.

Forrest farmed with his father, which was mostly grain farming until 1922, when he was married to Miss Nannie Belle Fowler. Nannie Belle was born at Sweet Springs, Saline County, Missouri the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler. She got her education in a rural school in Lafayette County and Blue Springs High School. The family lived at Bates City, moving there in 1906 from North Dakota where Mr. Fowler had homesteaded. In 1919 they moved to Peculiar, having purchased a farm from Mr. Albert Phillips.

Forrest and Nannie Belle began their married life on the John Ecton farm North of Peculiar. In 1923 they moved to a farm South of Belton and in 1924 his father asked him to take over the home place which he did, farming most of the land for the next fifteen years, after which, he purchased the south 160 acres from his Mother, she being an invalid and his father having passed away in late 1939. His brother, John, had bought the north 160 acres in 1937, which is now known as "Home Place".

While cropping the land the grain produced was corn, barley and oats. They also produced milk from a herd of registered Jersey cows and raised purebred Corriedale sheep. This was Forrest and Nannie Belle's way of life until 1948, when they sold the Jersey cows and replaced them with purebred Polled Hereford cattle. They were also interested in soil and water conservation always striving to improve the soil with soil testing and adding lime and fertilizer as needed and farming on the contour. In the past ten years, because of age and health reasons the farming has been reduced to hay and a small herd of Polled Hereford cattle.

The Bremers have always enjoyed participating in community activities such as church work, Farm Bureau and Extension Service; but that, too, had to be given up. Both are suffering from arthritis; but are still doing what they can to keep the farm something to be proud of. Although not publicly known they call it the Forr-Bell Farm, the emblem four sheep bells.

NEWTON MERVIN BREMER

Newton Mervin Bremer came to Cass Co., Mo. in 1912. He was born Oct. 2, 1855, Jefferson Co., N.Y., son of Jacob and Abigail Bremer, a family of old American stock, dating back as residents of N.Y. State for a number of generations. This couple had 4 children: Ella, Ida, Nora, and Newton Mervin Bremer.

N. M. Bremer received most of his education in the public schools of Iowa, having moved there with his parents at an early age. When 22 he began a life for himself as a farmer and in 1887 he married Nancy Elizabeth Throckmorton of Derby, Ia. To them were born 9 children: Abbie who died in infancy; Mrs. John K. (Lois) McEowen, deceased; Mrs. Cress D. (Merva) Mosier of Beech, Ia.; Mrs. Clark (LaVede) McCall of Merced, Calif.; Mrs. Covert (Olive) Brown, deceased; Fred N. Bremer, deceased; Forrest T. Bremer of Peculiar, Mo.; Mrs. Kenneth (Jeanette) Money of Walnut Grove, Calif.; John J. Bremer of Peculiar, Mo.

When Mr. Bremer came to Cass Co. 1912 he established his home 1½ miles south of Peculiar. His mother and a maiden sister came with him. Mr. Bremer sold the farm to his sons Forrest and John in 1939, when he could no longer work it and his wife became an invalid. Forrest Bremer bought the south 160 acres and John Bremer the north 160 acres, the homeplace where he now lives. Later John sold 53 acres to the city of Peculiar for a lake site, furnishing water for the city and a park for the community. This left a few acres in the NE corner which were sold for home sites.

Newton Mervin Bremer died Oct. 2, 1939. His widow then lived with the Forrest Bremers until her death in Aug. 1946.

JEREMIAH BRICKER

Jeremiah Bricker, son of George and Elizabeth Hill Bricker, was born 18 Aug. 1829, Franklin Co., Pa., and died 23 July 1904. On 10 June 1850 he was married, by the Rev. Hartman, to Susannah Aughinbaugh, daughter of Phillip Aughinbaugh, born 23 Mch. 1823, Shippensburg, Pa., and died 19 Apr. 1913.

Jeremiah Bricker farmed and operated several threshing machines. On 20 June 1868 he bought 60 acres at $37.50 an acre and 31 Oct. 1868, 160 acres at $7.00 an acre, making 220 acres in Sec. 10, Peculiar Twp., Cass Co., Mo. ¼ mile south of

Ore Station on the L. & S. R.R. In the spring of 1869 the family moved to the Mo. farm and built their house and barns. There they lived until Jeremiah's death, and his widow lived in the area until her death. The Brickers accumulated nearly 1,000 acres in Peculiar Twp. and were able to leave 160 acres or the equivalent in cash for each child.

Jeremiah and Susannah Bricker had 10 children, the first 7 born in Pa., the last 3 born in Mo., of whom 9 lived to be grandparents. They were: (1) Albert Eugene born 16 May 1853, died 5 July 1938, married Mary Ann Lamphry born 15 Sept. 1864, died 1941. (2) Eliphalet Hartman born 1 Feb. 1856, died 30 May 1927, married 8 Feb. 1885 Catherine Murphy born 13 Dec. 1862, died 13 Apr. 1941. (3) Malissie Jane born 14 Apr. 1858, died 6 July 1912, married 8 Mch. 1877 James Tilman Reese born 17 Jan. 1850, died 13 Jan. 1929. (4) Idie Valetta born 13 Mch. 1860, died 25 July 1941, married 22 Sept. 1880 Edwin J. Stultz born 4 July 1853, died 25 July 1929. (5) Eaber Alonsa born 1 Sept. 1862, died 17 Jan. 1934, married first 21 Mch. 1885 Mary E. Murphy (sister of Catherine Murphy) born 31 Mch. 1865, died 23 Oct. 1907, married second 1914 to a wife who died 1915, married third 1919 Alma Kenyon born 1865, died 1942. (6) Martha Isora born 20 Nov. 1864, died 28 Jan. 1866. (7) Skiles Woodburn (Wood) born 7 Nov. 1866, died 1955, married Minnie Van Sickle. (8) Charles Edward born 5 Dec. 1869, died 16 Oct. 1950, married first Josephine Benson born 1 July 1873, died 8 Jan. 1945, married second Artie Gardner. (9) Thomas Abner born 2 Dec. 1871, died 13 Mch. 1955, married 20 Jan. 1894 Mintie Jane Ritchie born 4 July 1873, died 5 July 1957. (10) Elizabeth Catherine born 7 Aug. 1875, died 28 Feb. 1970, married 20 Aug. 1893 Charles Agustus Hartley born 20 June 1866, died 11 May 1940.

Jeremiah and Susannah Bricker.

The Eaber Bricker, Charles Bricker, and Reese families homesteaded in Washington Co., Colo. 1906 and 1907, and descendants remain in that area. The Wood Bricker family went to Ind. and Ohio about 1900.

Jeremiah and Susannah Bricker are buried in the Pleasant Hill, Mo. Cemetery, with 5 sons and families in the same plot. Others through the 6th generation are in the same cemetery. Reeses are buried in Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, and Hartleys in the Lee's Summit, Mo. Cemetery.

There were 41 grandchildren of Jeremiah and Susannah Bricker, of whom 12 are still living. William Bricker lives in Peculiar Twp., Cass Co., Sue Bricker Hon, daughter of Eliphalet Bricker, and Harry Bricker, son of Charles Bricker, live in Pleasant Hill, Mo.

DR. H. A. BRIERLY

In 1845 Henry Ambrose Brierly, Sr. came from Tipperary County, Ireland to Missouri and was married to Miss Lucretia Perry Bridges in Syracuse in 1859. Later they moved to Strasburg where Henry Ambrose Brierly, Jr. was born on November 11, 1868.

His high school education was obtained while staying with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Haynes, Harrisonville. After graduation, he taught in Cass County Schools for two years.

Driven by a desire to help "heal the hurts of humanity", he enrolled in the University Medical College, Kansas City, Missouri and was graduated with high honors in 1895. He selected Peculiar as home-base for his medical practice.

On September 30, 1896 Dr. Brierly married his boyhood sweetheart, Miss Hattie Van Hook Warner of Strasburg. She was well-suited for the role of a country doctor's wife as she joined her husband in projects to enrich the religious, educational, cultural, and social life of the community. As vice-president of the Cass County Bank, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, and president of the Board of Education, Doctor kept his finger on the pulse of the community.

In 1910 their home was brightened by the birth of a daughter, Ailine. When she was eleven, her mother's death left her and her devoted Daddy to carry on with the help of friends and neighbors — but home was lonely.

This vacancy was filled in 1924 when Doctor married Miss Clara R. Porter whose family had moved from eastern Jackson County in 1905. She was close friend of the Brierly's and Ailine's first teacher. Mrs. Brierly ably filled her role as Doctor's wife and Ailine's mother. Though married, she is affectionately called "Miss Clara" by many, including Ailine, because of her nineteen years of teaching in the community.

After finishing high school in 1927, Ailine attended Cottey College for two years and then received her B.S. in Education from University of Missouri in 1931. She taught in two Kansas High Schools, Arcadia and Shawnee Mission.

For several years Doctor had been hospitalized for brief periods. After a month with his wife by his bedside in Wesley Hospital, his spirit slipped from his frail body on March 4, 1934. The entire area mourned the loss of a beloved friend and counselor.

Mrs. Brierly returned to her church work with youth, teaching and leading them in fund-raising projects to pay expenses to the annual Youth Assembly at Central Methodist College, Fayette. She taught and served as Dean of Women during these conferences.

On June 25, 1937 while "Miss Clara" was attending a conference at Central College, Ailine was married to Frank J. Thomas in the campus chapel. After nine and a half years of

happy married life in Pittsburg, Kansas, Ailine's husband suffered a fatal heart attack on December 15, 1946.

In 1949 Ailine returned to Shawnee Mission North High School as librarian. She received her M.A. in Library Science from University of Denver in 1953. Ailine has been active in her profession, serving as president of the Kansas Association of School Librarians, district director of American Association of School Librarians, and a member of Advisory Committee for *World Book Encyclopedia.* She is a member of Beta Phi Mu, an honorary Library Science Fraternity.

Mrs. Lillie Porter, Mrs. Brierly's mother, lived in the Brierly home from the time she fractured her hip in 1939 until her death in 1945. Claude Hunter, an elderly cousin of Mrs. Brierly, lived in the home from 1939 until his death in 1960.

Then "Miss Clara" returned to her hobby — oil painting. Her pictures are scattered far and wide. She is now past ninety and still painting, especially during the winters spent with her daughter.

CHARLES BROCKHOUSE

Charles Brockhouse was born Jan. 26, 1855. His family had settled near Meredosia, Morgan Co., Ill. As young men he and a boyhood friend, James Harris, came by wagon to Mo. and settled near Peculiar, Cass Co. On Oct. 13, 1886 Charles Brockhouse married Emma Huffman who was born June 21, 1864 near the Shawnee Mission just over the Mo. line in Kans. She was a daughter of James and Stella Huffman, he born about 1803 in Va., of parents born in Germany, and she born about 1818 in Ind., of parents born in N.Y. The James Huffmans had lived in Iowa and Kansas before coming from Ill. to Cass Co., Mo. prior to 1880. Emma Huffman's maternal line extends back to Huguenot refugees from Holland, France, and England to America where they stopped first in New York City then moved to a site on the Hudson River where they built a mill and boats to transport their lumber to the New York City market. During Revolutionary times the ancestral Faurot farm was the scene of several war events.

Charles Brockhouse died Nov. 18, 1931. Emma Brockhouse died June 20, 1965, practically age 101.

Charles and Emma Brockhouse had 8 children: Milton and Melvin, twins, deceased; Walter James who married Oct. 20, 1913 Ada Ellison; J. Eva who married June 7, 1924 Curt M. Weber; Frank, deceased, who married Sept. 15, 1920 Ella Weeks; Allan who married Aug. 20, 1924 Ona Elizabeth Barber, now deceased; Charles W.; and Ruth Elizabeth who married Apr. 20, 1935 Homer Morgan.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRONAUGH

In the fall of 1852 William Franklin Bronaugh, his wife Sarah Swope Bronaugh and their infant son, Robert, arrived in Cass County from their home near Danville, Kentucky. The trip was made in covered wagons, with their household possessions, negroes, supplies and livestock.

The home, three miles east of Pleasant Hill, was a double log house and a large barn was built of native lumber to house the Registered Shorthorn Cattle. Through the years Mr. Bronaugh bought more land, until he had 1700 acres, and had planned to build a handsome house like his family home in Kentucky, which is still standing and is in excellent condition. It was built by Mr. Bronaughs' grandfather Barbee in 1798.

The Barbees had come to Kentucky from Culpepper County, Virginia at the close of the Revolutionary War. John Barbee and his six sons had all served in the Revolutionary War. The eldest son, General Thomas Barbee commanded the Kentucky Volunteers at the Battle of Maumee (1794) when the Indians were finally defeated.

The Bronaugh family was also from Virginia. William Franklin Bronaugh's father, Robert Newton Bronaugh, was the son of William Bronaugh whose father was Captain Thomas Bronaugh of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Bronaughs had been in Virginia since 1671.

William F. Bronaugh and family.

Sarah Swope Bronaugh (wife of William Franklin), daughter of Dorcas and Benedict Swope III, was born August 12, 1834 in Garrard County, Kentucky. The Swope family had been in Kentucky since its earliest history. Her grandfather, the Rev. Benedict Swope, had come to Kentucky as a missionary to the Indians when the only settlements were two or three Forts. At the close of the Revolutionary War he brought his family from Baltimore, Maryland and they settled in Lincoln and Garrard Counties. Among his descendants were Bishop Keener, of New Orleans and Col. Thomas Swope, who gave Swope Park to Kansas City.

The children of William and Sarah Swope Bronaugh were: (1) Robert B., born April 18, 1851, died Sept. 26, 1916, attended schools at Danville, Ky. and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He married Margaret Sharp of Sharpsburg, Ky. Feb. 24, 1886. He was a stockman like his father. They had one child, Amelia Bronaugh Benson. Grandchildren: Margaret Ann, Robert and George Benson. (2) Samuel H., born May 8, 1854, died Jan. 16, 1916, attended William Jewell College, married Adelia Jones in Cass County (1880). Children: Eulah Reid, Pauline and Sam Bronaugh. Grandchildren: Judge Frank Reid, Alice Henry, Margaret Hulten and Dr. Richard N. Bronaugh. (3) Annie, who died in infancy. (4) William A., born March 28, 1859, died March 12, 1957. Attended school at Warrensburg Normal, married Martha Alice Knorpp of Jackson County Nov. 25, 1896, was a stockman in Cass Co. for nearly 70 years. During World War I he fur-

nished many car loads of mules. Daughters: Laura Whitlow and Margaret Grimes. (5) Margaret Dorcas, born 1861, died 1893, married James Dunn, son of Earl E. Dunn. Granddaughter: Emily Dunn of New Orleans, La. (6) Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 27, 1865 in Clay Co., Mo., died March 7, 1947, attended St. Teresas' Academy in Kansas City.

When Order No. 11 was issued in Cass County, the Bronaugh family went to Clay County. When they returned after the war, they found the farm stripped of everything of value, barns burned, but the house was still standing, though border warfare was still raging. Soon after returning, William F. Bronaugh sent a wagon train to Westport Landing for lumber and supplies to rebuild. While on the way, riding horseback ahead of the wagons, he was shot and robbed by Kansas Redlegs on May 4, 1865. He was born in Mercer County, Ky. Feb. 20, 1823.

Sarah Bronaugh moved her family to Pleasant Hill the fall of 1865 to send the children to school. Soon after that she gave land for a school in the country (Bronaugh School), which eventually became Plum Grove School.

Robert and William, with James Dunn and a cousin, contracted to grade a section of the first railroad through Arizona. They had many experiences during their two years in Arizona and were glad to return to Cass County.

DAVID BROOKHART

Mich Borkart (sic) arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the ship "Patience" Sept. 9, 1751.

Jacob Bruckard (sic) as recorded in the will of his father, Michael, continued in residence in Hellem Township, York County, Pennsylvania, having married Catherine prior to 1783.

In 1787 Jacob Brookhart with his family removed from Hellem Township, York County, Pennsylvania, to Frankford, Hampshire County, Virginia (New Franklin, West Virginia), where he and his wife Catherine acquired property as did his brothers, John, Michael and Phillip.

The holdings of Jacob and Catherine Brookhart at Frankfort were liquidated in 1795, and at about the turn of the century they were established at Jefferson County, Kentucky, in the vicinity of Louisville, as was their brother Phillip and family.

The children of Jacob Brookhart and Catherine were:

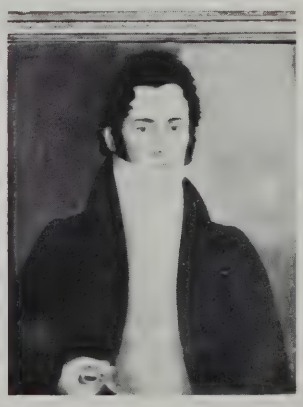
1. Jacob Brookhart, Jr., born at Hellem Township, York, Pennsylvania, recorded as age 26/45 in the census of Jefferson County, Kentucky, of 1810. The name of his first wife is not discovered, but she died prior to 1805 leaving issue two sons and one teen-age daughter. Jacob Brookhart, Jr., married "Kellery, Barbary" (sic) in Jefferson County, Kentucky, June 20, 1807. Believed to have been Barbara Keller of whom there now exists several descendants, one of whom, Florence Keller, resided with her aunt Mrs. T. S. Kirtland at Georgetown, D. C. in the 1890's. 2. Catherine who married Henry Briscoe. 3. Magdelene who was named in her mother's will of 1828. 4. Lydia who was named in her mother's will and married first Matthew Davers (or Devers), and second Matthew M. Towers on Nov. 14, 1822, she being stated as "daughter of Jacob dead and Catherine". 5. "My son David Brookhart" named in will of Catherine.

David Brookhart, son of Jacob and Catherine, recorded as having been born in Virginia in the U.S. Census of Jefferson County, Kentucky, for 1850. It appears that when David was about 22 he went to his family in Kentucky for he was a Private in the Captain Kelly's Company, Eighth Kentucky Mounted Volunteers.

On March 23, 1820, David married Thereca Funk, daughter of John Funk and Susannah (Boyer) Funk, of Boonsboro, Maryland. In 1826 he qualified according to law to be a Justice of the Peace for Washington County, Maryland. During the years 1829, 1830, 1831 and 1835 he is listed as a member of the House of Delegates for the State of Maryland. A sketch of his life in the History of Cass County, page 435, published in 1883, says that he served for eight terms (16 years) in the Maryland Legislature, representing Washington County. And so, it seems, he returned after the War of 1812 to Washington County, Maryland. He continued in practice of law in Washington County until 1839 when the family removed to the northern district of Jefferson County, Kentucky, in the vicinity of the property belonging to his mother at the time of her death. In 1852 he moved to Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri, along with his wife and son, Jacob Funk Brookhart, and his family. He lived a useful life even up to the time of his death, serving as Presiding Judge, Cass County, 1856-1859.

Near Harrisonville he owned a large tract of land known locally as "Brookhart Hill", which had been a land grant to him from the government. His wife, Thereca, died Dec. 29, 1858, at the age of 74. Very soon afterward on March 5, 1859, David Brookhart followed his wife. They are both buried at Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville.

Thereca and David Brookhart had three children. One son, John Kellar, died Nov. 1, 1840, in Monterey, Mexico, during the war with Mexico. A daughter, Ann Cecelia Brookhart, married John Fauntleroy Carter, and preceded her father in death on Jan. 19, 1859, in St. Louis, Missouri. The other son, Jacob Funk Brookhart, lived to fulfill a rich life.



David and Theresa Funk Brookhart.

JACOB FUNK BROOKHART

Jacob Funk Brookhart, son of David and Theresa (Funk) Brookhart, was born Dec. 17, 1825, Washington Co., Md., died Mch. 29, 1889, married first in 1852 Mary Eliza Bryant from Ky. who died Apr. 8, 1879; married second in 1881

Laura Bohon who died 1894. David and Theresa Brookhart and their son Jacob moved from Ky. to Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo. 1852, David and Jacob together acquiring over 2000 acres S. of Harrisonville known as "Brookhart Hill", including a land grant of 40 acres to David from Pres. Franklin Pierce for service in the War of 1812. Theresa died in 1858 age 74 and David died 1859. They had 3 children, the other 2 being Ann Cecelia Brookhart who died 1859, St. Louis, Mo., wife of John Fauntleroy Carter, and John Keller Brookhart who died 1840, Monterey, Mex. during the Mexican War.

Jacob Funk Brookhart graduated from Medical College at the Univ. of Louisville, Ky. and was a doctor in Harrisonville until his death. He was a surgeon for the Confederacy during the Civil War. In 1866 all land owned by him was confiscated by the U.S. Government, punishing him for treason and rebellion, leaving him only the homestead on "Brookhart Hill" and a few acres. In 1884 he was made Judge of the Cass Co. Court. Jacob and Mary Eliza Brookhart had 8 children: John Carter Brookhart; Ann Cecelia Brookhart who died 1936, married Benjamin Stephens, lived SW of Harrisonville, had 3 sons, Harry C., Benjamin R., and Will Stephens; Mary Ellen Brookhart born 1859, died 1942, who cared for and reared the younger children after each parental death; Virginia Lee Brookhart born 1870, died 1886 of typhoid; Iverson (Ivie) Brookhart born 1868, died 1951, married first 1888 Dr. Charles E. Ammerman, married second U. G. Blankenship after whose death she moved back to Harrisonville from a farm near Adrian, Mo.; Harry Hubbard Brookhart born 1872, died 1959, married 1902 Margaret Jane Miller. He graduated 1895 from the School of Medicine at St. Louis, Mo. Univ., first located at Blairstown, Henry Co., Mo. but soon relocated and had been practicing in Columbus, Kans. for many years when he died, had 4 children, Elizabeth, Carter, Jack and Robert Brookhart; two children of Jacob and Mary Eliza Brookhart died in infancy. Jacob and Laura Brookhart had 4 daughters: Florence Brookhart who married 1904 Adam Hugh Reid a mining engineer from Scammon, Kans., son of Hugh and Mary Reid, had 4 children, William Reid who married 1950 Ruth Chase of Parsons, Kans., had no children, Margaret Reid who married Donald Mason of Bangor, Me., a pilot, had 4 children John, Dawn, Richard and Frank Mason, has 10 grandchildren all living in the Kansas City, Mo. area, John Reid who married 1936, Ill., Mary Davis, had 3 children DiAnn and John Michael Reid and one who died at birth, lives Riverton, Kans., has 4 grandchildren, and Adam Reid who died 1918 age 6½; Marian Brookhart died 1912, graduated as an R.N. from St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.; Eloise Brookhart died 1908, married Leslie Martin of Scammon, Kans., had daughter Helen who died 1961, married Marion Spicer of Harrisonville, had son Don and adopted sons David and Paul Spicer; Grace Brookhart died 1972, married Floyd Robeson of Galena, Kans., had sons Harry and Jack Robeson.

John Carter Brookhart, died 1949, married 1889 Anna A. Jackson, died 1930, daughter of Judge J. L. and Martha E. (Fudge) Jackson of Harrisonville. He farmed until 1911, retired, moved to Garden City then Harrisonville, had 2 children Orion Jacob Lindsay and Mary Opal. Orion Jacob Lindsay Brookhart born 1890, died 1953, married 1918 Mary Virginia Price, daughter of Will T. and Margaret E. Price. He served in the army World War I, returned to Harrisonville, was associated with George C. Cable & Co., owners and operators of a garage and Ford agency, was a city alderman, the 2nd commander of Hurley Lee Spicer Legion Post, a member of the Legionaire Fire Dept., Pres. of the Kiwanis Club, chairman of the board of directors of Memorial Hospital, and Harrisonville Postmaster 1940 to 1953. They had daughter Virginia Lee Brookhart born 1923, married first 1947 Joe C. East son of Mervin G. and Jerena East of Rolla, Mo., who died 1953, married second 1957 Robert Dale King son of Clyde E. and Laura King of East Lynne, Mo., lives near E. Lynne where they've had a grocery store since 1965. Virginia and Joe East had daughter Nancy Virginia East born 1949, married 1969 Paul E. Gregg, son of Herbert P. and Edna Gregg, moved to Warrensburg, Mo. Mary Opal Brookhart born 1892, died 1973, worked in Harrisonville several places including Citizen's National Bank and Davis Bros. Garage, moved to Jefferson City and worked for the Mo. State Highway Dept., later moved to Kansas City and worked for the Federal Reserve Bank, returned to Harrisonville to be with her father until his death.

BERTHA ELLEN GREEN BROWN

Bertha Ellen, daughter of Nelson and Cynthia Green was born in Harrisonville, Mo., February 14, 1880, she passed away at her home 401 Lake Avenue, February 15, 1962. She attended school here, at an early age she professed a hope in Christ and became a member of the 2nd Baptist church. Bertha Ellen Green and Oscar Brown were married October 22, 1903. No children were born to this union. Oscar Brown passed away November 16, 1935. In later years Mrs. Brown became a member of the Church Of God In Christ. Mother Brown, as she was a church Mother, was a devout and loyal church worker. She served this community for a number of years as a practical nurse. Nieces and Nephews Thelma Allen; William Allen; Harrisonville, Mo., Frank Call; Louise Sawyer; Lowella Wells Kansas City, Mo. Vernie Walls; Leona Green; Joseph W. Green; Otis Green; Lawrence Green; Earl Green; Merle Green.

EDWARD M. BROWN

Edward Matthew Brown and Sarah Catherine (Hull) Brown sold their farm near Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas and moved to Peculiar, Missouri, as their retirement home, in March, 1910.

The Wm. Wills home was purchased and became their home until Mr. Brown's death, January 13, 1917. Soon after Mr. Brown passed away, Mrs. Brown moved to a smaller home at the north edge of Peculiar, where she resided until her death, on her 85th birthday, October 14, 1939.

Edward M. Brown, son of John and Sarah Ann (Brannen) Brown, was born on July 21, 1847, near Athens, Ohio. Sarah C. (Hull) Brown, daughter of John and Rachel Hull, was born October 14, 1854, in Logan County, Illinois.

Edward and Sarah Brown had eight children, all of whom were born in the same house near Sabetha, Kansas. The children are: Orville, Ren, Bertha, Lulu, Guy, Dora May, Clarence and Hubert. Clarence died in infancy. All the others have passed away except Hubert, and all the husbands and wives of the deceased children have passed away except Guy's wife, Rhey, who lives in Marissa, Illinois.

Orville was a medical doctor and practiced for many years in Phoenix, Arizona. He was married to the former Margaret Paisley of Litchfield, Illinois. Orville passed away July 25, 1943, Margaret in 1962.

Ren farmed east of Peculiar from 1909 to 1918, then bought a hardware store in Overland Park, Kansas, where he and his family lived until 1925, when they moved to Santa Ana, California to retire. Ren died in 1961. His wife was the former Margaret Myers of Sabetha, Kansas. Margaret passed away in 1951.

Bertha married Charles A. Schug and lived on farms near Coleman and near Freeman, then moved into Peculiar where they lived until Bertha's death August 6, 1922. Mr. Schug died March 5, 1938.

Lulu married Jose E. Beeghly and lived on a farm southwest of Peculiar from 1910 to about 1948, when they moved into Peculiar. Lulu passed away on Nov. 20, 1962, and Jose passed away in Kansas City, March 27, 1963.

Guy married Rhey Lightcap of Raymore, Missouri. They operated a farm between Raymore and Belton, later moving to Odessa, Missouri, then to Warrensburg, Missouri, where Guy died in 1952.

Dora May married Stanley Clark, whom she met while both were attending Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas. They lived in Tucson, Arizona until Dora May's death on Nov. 14, 1924. Stanley died at Tucson on June 8, 1949.

Hubert married Grace Foote of Safford, Arizona. He has worked as a civil engineer since 1922, when he graduated from the University of Kansas. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ed Brown was a member of the Town Council of Peculiar. He was also active in promoting wholesome recreation for the youth of the community.

Of the seven children of Edward and Sarah Brown, who grew to adulthood, all have spent varying periods of their lives in and around Peculiar, except Orville. He was entering the medical profession about the time that Edward and Sarah Brown came to Peculiar to live. Likewise, many of the grandchildren have grown up in the area.

JOSEPH M. BROWN

Some years before the Civil War, exact date uncertain, the Dye and the Boren Families came from Kentucky to make their homes in Missouri. They bought farms about one and one-half miles south of Belton, Missouri.

Riley C. Boren and Elizabeth Dye, children of the people who had moved to Missouri, were married. They had four children, two sons and two daughters. The younger son and older daughter died when they were twenty-five and thirty-five years old. The other daughter, Anna Lee Boren, and Eugene Boren lived all of their lives in or near Belton.

Joseph M. Brown came to Belton as a young man in his twenty's, from the northern part of Missouri. He and Anna Lee Boren were married in Belton in 1894. They had three sons, Charlie, Forest and Claude.

Charlie served in the First World War. After he returned, he worked as a driver for Roy Zumwalt, who owned and operated the bus line between Belton and Kansas City.

In 1923, Charlie and Claude decided to start their own bus line. They started with one seven passenger Cadillac running between Peculiar, through Raymore, to Kansas City. There weren't any paved roads at that time. Highway 71 had just been started from Kansas City on south. Many times they were stuck in the deep mud, sometimes over night.

In 1924, Roy Zumwalt died and the Belton Bus Line was sold to Charlie and Claude. The headquarters was moved to Harrisonville in 1925 and the Bus Line incorporated as "Brown Bros. Bus Line". The line expanded to Garden City and Nevada and then on to Joplin. In 1930, the name was changed to "Crown Coach Co.". The office and garage was moved to Joplin in 1932. The line continued to expand through Arkansas to Little Rock and Texarkana.

Charlie and Forest died in 1962. Claude Brown in 1967. After his death, the line was sold to Jefferson Transportation Co. and they continue to operate and serve Cass County towns.

J. W. BROWN JR.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Jr. came to Cass County in April, 1955, when they purchased the Cass County Democrat-Missourian from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sexton.

Brown was born and raised in Lawrence County, Missouri, was graduated from the School of Journalism, University of Missouri in 1931, served the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946, enlisting as a private and receiving an honorable discharge as a captain.

He and Wanda R. Alston were married in June, 1946, and they have two daughters: Jean, who is now Mrs. Fred Trent of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Mary, who is now Mrs. William E. James and lives in Harrisonville.

Brown was publisher of the Willow Springs, Missouri, News for 19 years and was postmaster at Willow Springs from 1940 to 1955. He was president of the Missouri Press Association in 1963 and was given an honor award for Distinguished Service in Journalism from the University of Missouri in 1973.

Mrs. Brown was one of the five finalists as the Missouri Mother of the Year in 1968.

ROBERT ALLISON BROWN

The ancestors of the Robert Allison Brown family came from Wales to Virginia early in the 18th century and have since been fairly prominent in American History during both war and peace.

Gradually over the years and several generations they moved West through North Carolina and Tennessee and in 1842 Robert Allison Brown, Sr. came from East Tennessee with his family, by way of boat up the Missouri River, to about Lexington. From there he moved his family to the vicinity of Harrisonville and soon bought the Blakely farm, which

adjoins on the west the land where he later built the permanent residence.

He soon acquired, from squatters, and at a land sale, more than 2,000 acres. In 1850 he built "Wayside Rest", which remained the family home. The land has over the years been divided among descendants until there remains only 182 acres which is owned and occupied by a granddaughter, Agnes Brown Hamilton.

Mr. Brown was born February 8, 1808 and died September 7, 1888. He married Mary Jane Raddye Gillenwaters. To this union the following were born: William Gillenwaters, John, Thomas, Robert Allison, Elizabeth, Samuel and Walter Raddye. All these have long since passed away. All prospered and raised large families except John and Thomas, who, as young men, were lost during the Civil War.

Of the twenty-eight children born to the above, only four survive as of February, 1976. Glessie Brown Cockrill and Margaret Brown Thompson, daughters of Walter and Maggie Lisle Brown, Robert A. Brown, III, son of Robert A. and Mary Agnes Stephens Brown, and Agnes Brown Hamilton, daughter of Robert A. and Mary Agnes Stephens Brown. (See Robert A. Brown, II sketch.)

Robert A. Brown at "Wayside Rest".

ROBERT A. BROWN, II

Robert A. Brown, II, born 1844, married Mary Agnes Stephens on October 4, 1866. Mary Agnes, daughter of Benjamin and Hetha Brady Stephens, was born May 16, 1850. They had nine children. Nellie, born 1867 and died 1886. Mary, born September 3, 1869 and married John H. Preston on November 14, 1901. They had one daughter, Hester, who never married and was an accomplished art teacher. Thomas, born May 20, 1874 and never married, was a druggist until he retired to the family home and raised stock.

Walter, born December 12, 1877, married Lou Hatton on April 26, 1900. Daughter, Helen, married Glenn Mattox and had a son, Robert Raddye, and a daughter, Louise. Helen later married R. B. Gale, who had one daughter, June, by a previous marriage and was a real father to Louise and Robert.

William Brady married Mabel Hurst and had two children. Nelle Christy, who married Edward Webster and had three sons: Eugene, married Martha Jane O'Neil, children, Edward Eric and Laura Jane; Harry Brady married Patricia G. Ramer, three children, Brady, Deborah Jean and Gregory Paul; Gary married Joanne Reynolds, one child, Lisa Ann. Harry Hurst married Georgia Duncan, one child, Sandra Sue, who married Ralph Sheets and had three children: Christy Suzanne, Kindall Ralph and Lynette Renee.

The sixth child of the Brown family was Elizabeth Gertrude, who married Almus Todd, a native of Tennessee, and they were parents of six children. One son died at birth. Agnes Loretta, born September 13, 1910, married Kenneth Long and had twin daughters, Betty Faye and Mary Kaye. Betty Faye married Charles Noland, three children: Ray, Bruce and Dianne. Mary Kaye married James Danforth, three children: Mark, Scott and Randy.

Howard Allison, born June 12, 1912 and died February 21, 1967, married Fay Ferguson and were parents of four children: Beverly Sue married Billy K. Rowland, one child, Linda Allison; Donna Louise, who married Billy H. Hooper, three sons, Clinton James, Clayton Howard and Christopher Billie; Howard Allison, Jr. married Susan Ellen Anderson, two children, Barbara Marie and Howard Allison, III; Joyce Marie first married George Head, two children, Brenda Jo and George Keith, her second marriage was to Walter J. Beattie and they have two children, Dustin James and Angelia Faye.

John Silas Todd, born March 12, 1914 and died March 12, 1976, married Ethelyn Ensign and had four children: John, who died at the age of three; Janet, who married Steven Muck and had three children, Kathy, Karen and Todd; Jennifer, who married Lowell McAfee has one son, Ross; and Julie Beth married William Chockley.

William Brady, born January 19, 1917, married Wanda Stephens and they have one daughter, Darlys, who married Jon J. Bremer and had a son, David, and a daughter, Dana.

A. L. Todd, Jr., born January 7, 1920, first married Virginia Blitz, had one daughter, Patricia Mae, who married Gerald Radde and has two sons, Sheridan and Matt Monroe. A. L. later married Florence Coleman and they have: Michael Allen, who married Judith Raye; Steven Robert; and Elizabeth Ann.

Hetha Hill, born February 15, 1888 and died March 6, 1960, was the seventh child of the family. She married Arthur Sherman Prettyman and had Thomas Brown Prettyman, who was born December 6, 1911. On June 2, 1934, he married Clara Belle Bybee, daughter of Ethel Evelyn Spradling and Samuel Marion Bybee. Their three children are: Josephine Carol, born October 28, 1938, first married Robert Douglas Bilderback and had Teresa Ann. Later Carol married Gary Richard Hipple in December of 1966 and had Thomas Richard, born November 4, 1967. Samuel Arthur, born March 27, 1940, first married Janet Bailey and had Samuel Arthur, Jr. Later he married Mary Ellen David Wimsatt, who had two children by a previous marriage, Loren Wayne and Lori Lynn Wimsatt. Robert Brown, born October 9, 1946, married Janice Marie Helmick and had Kathy Kay. (See Robert Allison Brown, III sketch.)

ROBERT ALLISON BROWN III

Robert Allison Brown, III (the name Robert Allison Brown has been carried for three generations), eighth child of Robert Allison, Jr. was born November 18, 1891. He married Mina Hunt on June 9, 1921. They are the parents of two daughters: Mary Louise, born October 21, 1922, married Raymond McDonnell and they had three children: Cynthia Joyce, born August 4, 1954, Raymond Allison, born November 18, 1955 and Susan Elizabeth, born December 11, 1957 and died October 7, 1972. Kathryn Irene, born June 24, 1927, was married on February 26, 1950 to Arlie W. Green, II and they have three sons: Curtis Emery, born February 26, 1951, married to Melanie Sydon on December 17, 1972, Tracy Allison, born June 3, 1953, and Arlie W., III, born March 3, 1962.

Agnes Nelson, the ninth child of Robert A. and Mary A. Brown, was married to Sidney Glenn Hamilton on August 16, 1970. Glenn died August 9, 1973 and is buried at Neodasha, Kansas. (See Robert A. Brown II sketch.)

The descendants of Robert A. and Mary Jane Brown have a heritage of which they should be proud.

WALTER R. BROWN

Walter R. Brown, the youngest of the family of Robert A. Brown — the early settler of Cass County, had three children: Glessie Brown Cockrill, Joseph Lisle Brown and Margaret Brown Thompson. The son died seven years ago. The two daughters still surviving, both living in Liberty, Mo.

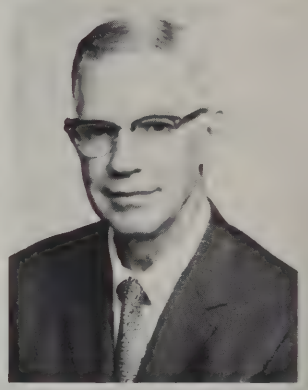
Walter was a small boy at the time of the Civil War and could most vividly describe the horrors of that war as it pertained to the home of Robert Brown. It was three miles out of Harrisonville and easily accessible to raiders of Northern soldiers out of Missouri and Kansas. They came in wagon trains and carried off household goods, machinery and all farm supplies available. It was dangerous living on the farm so Grandfather Brown moved his family into town to occupy the hotel that he owned. The same building that is still occupied and operated as a hotel on the Northeast corner of the square in Harrisonville. Following the war, they moved back to the farm, a large body of land and the home that was named "Wayside Rest," which had miraculously escaped destruction. It was a stately brick home, beautiful in size and structure — the one that still stands on the remaining acres of ground and is occupied by a granddaughter, Agnes Brown Hamilton. It is still lovely and dear to the hearts of all of the descendants of Robert A. Brown.

Our grandfather was closely associated with and much interested in the development of Cass County and the City of Harrisonville. He built the first Methodist Church of the community on this farm, a small log building that was attended by his family and all the early settlers. As membership outgrew that little church, he was instrumental in building a larger one in town, donating both labor and money. He sent off quite a distance and bought a bell, which everyone considered very lovely in tone. This was later placed in the still larger church which was built on East Pearl St., that one, since enlarged and still in use. When the latest addition was being made on the church the bell was taken down and was stolen before it could be replaced on the church. A window in the church bears the names of Robert A. Brown and Mary A. Brown.

We, the three children of Walter R. Brown, attended school in a large, three story brick school building. This has since been torn down and replaced by a lovely large building on the grounds of the original one.

At the time of my father's marriage, he owned the old brick homeplace and Lisle Brown and I, Glessie Brown, grew up there.

JOHN THORNTON BUCKNER



The paternal grandfather of John Thornton Buckner, Dr. Francis Thornton Buckner, was the first of the Buckner family to settle in Cass County. Dr. Buckner was born 29 Nov., 1836 near Greensburg, Kentucky, the son of Robert RoBards and Mary Tate Buckner, and came to Callaway County, Missouri with his family in 1844. He was a graduate of Westminister College at Fulton and Bellevue Hospital College in New York. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Buckner had come to Green County, Kentucky from Caroline County, Virginia about 1790. He was William Buckner, surveyor general of Kentucky, whose wife was Elizabeth Lewis RoBards Buckner, daughter of William and Elizabeth Lewis RoBards of Goochland County, Virginia. From William Buckner, the Buckners trace their descent through Captain William, who married Mary Madison, daughter of Thomas Madison and through three generations of John Buckners in Gloucester County, Virginia. The earliest of these Johns came from England with his wife, Deborah Ferrers Buckner, to Virginia in the mid 1600s. It was he who established the first printing press in Virginia that the people might be informed of their rights under the law.

Dr. F. T. Buckner first came to Pleasant Hill in 1865, where he practiced medicine and established a drug business in 1881. He married April 4, 1886, Mary Margaret Armstrong, daughter of John M. Armstrong, one of the earliest settlers of Pleasant Hill. Their son, John Armstrong Buckner, born 12 Jan., 1869 near Strasburg, was the father of John Thornton Buckner, who was born in Kansas City on Feb. 15, 1903, his mother being, before her marriage, Mary (Mayme) Barret Thornton, daughter of John Fitzhugh and Mary Jane Wherritt Thornton.

In addition to their son, John, Dr. Buckner's family included four daughters, Elizabeth Armstrong, born 1871; Mary Pinkney, born 1873, married Samuel Goodfellow; Ella Margaret, born 1876, married Edward O. Murray; Frances

Thornton, born 1879, married Michael Downing and three sons, Robert Samuel, born 1867, died 1868; Staunton, born 1881, died 1882 and William Gibbons, born 1883, married Delia Crookes.

John Thornton Buckner was educated in the public schools of Pleasant Hill and the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute of Salt Lake City. He was employed in the drug store of George N Dunn, Jr. at the age of fifteeen years, where he continued until 1941 when he purchased a partnership in the former Lain-Shortridge drug store in Pleasant Hill. Here he has continued the business under the name Chambers-Buckner Rexall Drug Company. He is a graduate of the Bowen Institute of Pharmacy at Brunswick, Missouri.

John T. married Marjorie Ellen Pearce, daughter of Dr. Gilbert D. and Minnie Shaw Pearce, on Dec. 25, 1926. They have one son, John Richard Pearce Buckner, born 15 Jan. 1931 at Pleasant Hill, who was educated in the public schools of Pleasant Hill and Kansas City, Missouri and received his Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. On Oct. 7, 1951 he was married to Edith Mary Essex, daughter of Arthur Essex, of Pleasant Hill. They have three sons, John Leslie, born 1 July, 1955, who married Sandra Patterson, of Dallas; Michael Richard, born 26 Feb., 1957, a student at Texas Tech University and David Arthur, born 17 Oct., 1961.

Richard P. and Edith Essex Buckner make their home in Dallas, Texas where he is an engineer with Collins Radio in nearby Richardson, Texas. John Thornton Buckner died Aug. 13, 1976 at his home in Pleasant Hill, Mo.

JACOB BUERGE

Jacob Buerge, first Buerge in America, came to this country from Switzerland in 1800 and settled, first in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and later moved to Canada. From Canada, Jacob's four sons, John, Jacob, Christian and Daniel, and two of his four daughters moved to Reeds City, Michigan. From there, Christian, Jacob and Daniel moved to Jasper, Missouri where Christian Buerge (1829-1918) had several daughters and one boy, John (1853-1926). John had two sons, Frank (1890-1960), and Allen (1882-1945). Christian and his descendants to this point all lived in and around Jasper, Mo. Allen Buerge's children, Howard Buerge and Pauline Buerge Evans reside on farms east of Jasper to this date. Frank's family, Robert born 1914, Eugene born 1917, Paul born 1923 and Orville born 1927 were all raised near Jasper. In 1947 Paul and wife, Margaret moved to Cass County, and the following year brought Frank and wife, Anne and their other three sons, Robert and wife, Amy, Eugene and wife, Goldie, and Orville to Cass County. The clan settled near Garden City, Mo. and attended the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. Soon after moving to the Garden City area Orville married Verna Yoder, also of that area.

After growing up as farmers, the younger brothers, Paul and Orville, opened several feed and fertilizer stores in Cass County over a period of several years. In 1949 the two brothers opened a fertilizer plant in East Lynne, Mo. and two years later opened another store in Harrisonville. In 1953 the two opened a grain elevator in Belton where the oldest brother Robert came into the business. Later in 1956 Paul and Orville purchased the Adrian Elevator and in 1958 purchased the Archie Elevator. Then in 1960 a new elevator was constructed in Garden City by Orville and Paul and was soon after sold to Eugene Buerge. Today, 29 years after moving to Cass County, the Buerges have all remained in agri-business. Robert (Bob) lives in Harrisonville and since selling the Belton Elevator in 1974, helps his son Frank at Buerge Agri-Service in Harrisonville. Eugene (Gene), who lives in Garden City operated grain elevators in East Lynne and Garden City. Paul, of Butler, Mo., is President of four banks in Missouri and Kansas, as well as raises cattle and owns a grain elevator in Butler. Orville, who lives in Harrisonville, operates several grain elevators located in Archie, Adrian and Hammond Seed Co., Fort Scott, Kansas.

Robert has one son, Frank and his wife, June of rural Harrisonville and one daughter, Nancy Buerge Steele and husband Jerry, also of Harrisonville. Eugene Buerge has two children, Sonya Buerge Slabaugh and husband, Herman of Wellman, Iowa and son, Scott, his wife, Donna, of Harrisonville. Paul has three sons, Steve, his wife, Elaine, Fort Scott, Kansas, Alden, his wife, Kathy, of Clinton, Mo. and Robin of Butler. Orville has two daughters, Karen Buerge of Quaker Town, Pennsylvania and Pamela Buerge Yoakum and husband, Mark of Mineral Wells, Texas and one son, Lonnie and his wife Jan, of Elkhart, Indiana.

JAMES MICAJAH CLARK BULLOCK

James Micajah Clark Bullock, son and one of the 10 children of Josias (Josiah) Bingham and Mary Patterson (Clark) Bullock, was born 16 Feb., 1819, Christian Co., Ky., died 28 May, 1909, Harrisonville, Mo., buried Index, Mo. Cemetery, and married 17 Mar., 1852, Saline Co., Mo., Mary Frances Bladen born 15 May, 1836, Bladensburg, O., died 29 Sept., 1860, Cass Co., Mo., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hereford) Bladen. Josias B. Bullock and family came from Ky. to Johnson Co., Mo. ca1835 and to Cass Co., Mo. ca1839, settling on land N. of Index, Mo. where he farmed until his death in 1854. His wife had died 1838.

James M. C. Bullock was a farmer in Index Twp., Cass Co., in due time acquiring considerable land. When Order No. 11 was issued he took his 3 children to Pettis Co., Mo. for the duration of the Civil War. Some years after his return he moved from his farm home to Index, then to Garden City where he and his son went into the flour milling business. In 1898 they bought the mills and elevators at Garden City and Harrisonville and ran them until about 1903 when they sold out. He had lived with his son since his son's marriage and died in his home. James M. C. Bullock and his wife had 3 children, William B. F., Susan E., and a daughter who died young in Pettis Co. by falling into a well.

Susan Elizabeth Bullock was born 14 Oct., 1855, died 23 Mar., 1940, Garden City, Mo., buried Garden City Cemetery, married 3 June, 1875 George E. Hudson, 1842-1910, moved from Gunn City to Kansas City, Mo. where he died, after which she lived with daughters in Garden City. They had 4 children: Mrs. F. B. (Addie D.) Ellis and Mrs. Frank (Mae L.)

Kendall of Garden City, James W. Hudson of Iola, Kans., and Mrs. R. A. (Susan Frances) Sombart of Boonville, Mo., who died 1919.

William Bingham Franklin Bullock was born 1 Feb., 1853, died 5 June, 1924, Harrisonville, Mo., married 18 Jan., 1877 Clara Bird, daughter of David Proctor and Elizabeth (Young) Bird, born 14 May, 1854, Fairfield Co., O., died 15 Apr., 1932, Harrisonville, where both are buried in Orient Cemetery. He farmed until 1874 then went into the mercantile business in Gunn City, then several years later into the same at Index, and then into the flour milling business with his father. He and his family moved to Harrisonville in 1900. When the mills were sold 1903 he retired except for overseeing his farming and stockraising interest in Index Twp. He and his wife had 7 children: Clarence Clark born 20 Apr. and died 3 Aug., 1878; Dacy Earl; Franklin Oliver; Walter Irvin; Ishmeal and Isreal, twins, born 10 June, 1890, died 27 Aug. and 2 Sept., 1890; and Zelah Avis Bullock.

Dacy Earl Bullock was born 15 Nov., 1879, died 1 Jan., 1955, buried Garden City Cemetery, unmarried. He was in Calif. for a number of years, returned to Mo. 1927 and settled on his farm in Index Twp.

Franklin Oliver Bullock, D.D.S., was born 5 Apr., 1882, died 2 Aug., 1960, Salina, Utah, buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah. He married first Vera Jensen of Gunnison, Utah; married second 1934 Florence Helen Sorensen from whom he was later divorced. He graduated from the Kansas City, Mo., College of Dental Surgery, went to Utah 1902 and practiced in several locations there before settling in Salina. By his first marriage were 2 children, Clara Orlene who died young in a car accident, and Franklin O. Bullock Jr. of Van Nuys, Calif.

Walter Irvin Bullock was born 15 Dec., 1885, died 6 Oct., 1961, married 7 Sept., 1910 Lottie L. Russell of Latour, Mo., daughter of Elijah D. and Mary Magdaline (McVey) Russell, born 12 Nov., 1889, Jackson Co., Mo., died 21 Oct., 1975. Both are buried in the Garden City., Mo., Cemetery. They spent their married lives on their farm in Index Twp. near the Cass Co. line and near Latour, Mo. They were members of the Garden City Methodist Church and in her later years Mrs. Bullock was active in the Garden City Senior Citizens.

Zelah Avis Bullock was born 10 Jan., 1896, died 19 Nov., 1940, buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, married 15 Mar., 1922 to Ben D. Prater, 1887-1956, buried Pleasant Hill, Mo., Cemetery. After their marriage they lived with her mother and maintained that home in Harrisonville. Mr. Prater became a well known building contractor of Mo. and Kans. Mrs. Prater was very active in civic affairs and literary circles and was especially prominent in local and state affairs of the American Legion Auxiliary and Order of Eastern Star. She was one of the sponsors of the Coterie, a girls' literary club formed by a group of girlhood friends, and was its first president.

JOSIAS B. BULLOCK

Josias B. Bullock was a native of Kentucky and there married Miss Mary P. Clark of the same state. They came to Missouri in 1835, located in Johnson County, and in 1840 moved to Cass County where he farmed till his death October 30, 1854. His wife died August 18, 1838. They had nine children: David G., J. M. C., John B., William M. T., Josias B. P., Susan F. Herford, M. L. R., Harbor N., Sarah E. and Mary A. E.

Marcus Linsey Redmond Bullock was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, April 22, 1830. He came to Missouri from Kentucky with his parents, Josias B. Bullock and Mary P. (Clark) Bullock in 1835 and settled in Johnson County. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War for four years, also in the Mexican War for several months. In 1885 his family moved to Garden City in Cass County where he ran a saw mill. Marcus Linsey Redmond Bullock married Miss Lucinda Jane Cochran on March 1, 1854. She was born in Tennessee October 27, 1831. The Bullocks had six children, one died in infancy: William Bingham, James William, John Wesley, Lucy Lualla (Bullock) Sharper, George Redmond. Marcus Linsey Redmond Bullock died June 26, 1915. His wife died November 14, 1924. They are both buried in the Garden City Cemetery.

William Bingham Bullock born May 22, 1855, married Mary Ann Emery February 22, 1877. She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, January 7, 1857. They established their home near Garden City and had two children: Eliza J. (Bullock) Peacock and William Marcus Bullock. In the spring of 1888 the family moved to Belton where he was a farmer and carpenter. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. William Bingham Bullock died September 10, 1914. His wife died November 14, 1914. Both are buried in the Belton Cemetery.

Eliza J. (Bullock) Peacock, born December 31, 1877, married Virgil W. Peacock October 10, 1900. He was born on October 11, 1872 in North Carolina. They had two children: Clarence Leighton Peacock, born August 22, 1901; and Viola M. Peacock, born August 15, 1904, died February 17, 1906, buried in Belton Cemetery. Virgil W. Peacock passed away November 17, 1915, and Eliza J. (Bullock) Peacock, August 25, 1935. Both are buried in Belton Cemetery.

Clarence Leighton Peacock was a Belton resident all his life. He married Martha Jane (Tabor) Peacock, June 4, 1930. She was born in Humansville, Missouri, March 2, 1911. One child, Bernie Wilson Peacock, was born December 26, 1931, in Belton, Missouri. He has five children: David Michael, born June 1, 1955; Richard Leighton, born Feb. 27, 1958; Jeffrey Glen, born Sept. 21, 1960; Russell Lines, born Oct. 12, 1962; and Angelia Triss, born Oct. 5, 1972. He is a resident of Macon, Georgia. Martha and Clarence were active in the United Methodist Church. Clarence Leighton Peacock died July 14, 1966, and buried in the Belton Cemetery.

William Marcus (Marty) Bullock was born October 20, 1884, at Garden City. He resided in Belton, Missouri, for 64 years, was a carpenter by trade, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He married Edna E. Gloyd, December 8, 1909, born at Garden City, Missouri, December 19, 1888. The Bullocks had four children. Vernon (Sept. 30, 1910-Oct. 2, 1910); Thelma B. (April 4, 1916-Sept. 1, 1936). At present two are residents of Belton, Missouri: Dorothy Lorene (Bullock) Price and William Gloyd Bullock.

Dorothy Lorene (Bullock) Price, born August 29, 1918, married Charles Roy Price August 21, 1937, and had two children, Gerald Royse Price (Feb. 14, 1945-July 15, 1966), buried at the Belton Cemetery. Nancy Ann (Price) Brown, born Sept. 16, 1942, married Keith William Brown of Iona, Iowa, on August 19, 1961, and has three children: Kevin Keith, born Feb. 8, 1966; Kay Lynne, born Dec. 29, 1968; Kenneth Royse, born Jan. 15, 1970. They are residents of Fredericksburg, Iowa.

William Gloyd Bullock was born March 27, 1921. He has been a resident of Cass County all his life and is a Methodist. He married Ruth Nadine Rhynerson January 1, 1945, born in LaCygne, Kansas, on August 15, 1925, and they had three children: Robert Lee, born Sept. 28, 1948; Evelyn Marie (Bullock) Tabor, born December 22, 1950; and James William, born Sept. 11, 1952.

Robert Lee Bullock married Sharon Ann Rooke of St. Louis, Missouri, October 19, 1968, and they have two children: Heidi Lynn, born Dec. 4, 1969, and William Marcus, born March 19, 1975. Robert is a United Methodist Minister and is a resident of Keytesville, Missouri.

Evelyn Marie Bullock married Mark Powell Tabor, a life long resident of Belton, Missouri, on Aug. 30, 1969 and they have two children: Joan Marie, born Sept. 10, 1973, and Carol Vanessa, born September 2, 1975.

James William Bullock married Sandra Lynn Quasa of Belton, Missouri, on Sept. 26, 1970, and they have two children: Wendy Reneé, born May 15, 1973 and James William, Jr., born April 8, 1975. They are residents of Belton.

JOSEPH BUMBY

Joseph Bumby, born April 27, 1843 in Colchester, Essex, England died in 1911. He married Mary Flowers Elderkin, also of England, August 25, 1867. Mr. Bumby at age 30 decided to quit his job with Great Eastern Railroad, and in 1873 sailed for America with his wife, Mary, and three little Bumbys; Harry, Ruth and Alice. Their voyage was rough. They traveled by boat to New York, Norfolk, Jacksonville, Florida and down the St. Johns River to Mellonville (now Sanford) all by water, and reached Orlando overland by oxcart. From England to Florida, he traveled only 22 miles by land.

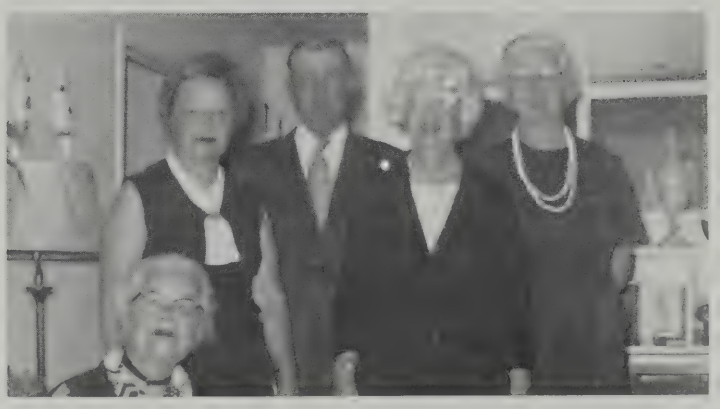
The children born in Orlando were Alfred, Charles, Frank, Leonard, Ada and Joseph Franklin. Mr. Bumby was the first mail carrier between Mellonville and Orlando via horseback. He also operated a stage coach line between the same points. He became the first ticket agent for the Seaboard Airline Railroad in 1880. He homesteaded a tract of land and carved a log cabin out of the wilderness. He built a hardware store which later became the largest between Jacksonville and Tampa. It grew with the town. He saw Orlando grow among the pines and palmettos. "Can't find it, go to Bumby's" became a byword in Orlando. His six sons carried on the hardware business until all the sons were deceased. The business was thereafter dissolved.

Joseph Franklin Bumby (son) attended Rollins College and became president of Bumby Hardware. He was an ardent sportsman and a crack marksman. In those days he shot to fill the larder. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church as was his father and son, making three generations holding the same office in the same church. He married Ethel Clare America Smith on November 10, 1910. She was the daughter of Dr. J. Horace Smith and Martha Philo Bell Smith, pioneer Orlandoeans.

Dr. J. Horace Smith and wife were originally from Augusta, Georgia. They came to Orlando in 1885. He was one of the most prominent doctors in the area. He graduated from Emory University and was very active in civic welfare. Dr. Smith served two terms as Mayor of Orlando and also served on city council. Martha Philo Bell Smith was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bell. Dr. Bell was prominent in the Banks County, Georgia Legislature and Georgia history. Dr. Bell had both MD and DD Degrees. Dr. and Mrs. J. Horace Smith had three daughters and one son: Bernard, Ula, Edna, and Ethel Clare America. All but Ethel are deceased. Ethel attended Converse College and Rollins College. She was very active in the Presbyterian Auxiliary and was a member of the Rosalind Club, a popular social club in Orlando.

Joseph and Ethel Bumby had two children: J. Stanley, born September 5, 1911; and Martha Flowers, born March 6, 1916. Stanley married Mary Elizabeth Dolive and they were the parents of two children; Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Bumby Bandy. Mary Elizabeth Bandy has three children. Mary Bumby died May 13, 1975.

Martha Flowers Bumby attended Cathedral School for Girls and Stetson University. She was a bookkeeper in Bumby Hardware for several years; was presented in Orlando at the Apollo Ball. She married William Morlan Kimberlin, whom she met while he was in the Air Force stationed in Orlando, Florida. They were married January 9, 1946. He served his country for over four years and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. They have two children: Marsha Jan Kimberlin, born July 26, 1948; and William Bruce Kimberlin, born August 19, 1950.



Mrs. T. C. Bundy and family.

T. C. BUNDY, JR.

T. C. Bundy, Jr., farmer and stockman of Coldwater Twp., Cass Co., Mo., was born June 1919 on the Bundy family farm east of Lisle, Mo. He was educated at Coldwater rural school, Drexel high school, Ottawa University and Missouri University at Columbia. He worked one year for the State of Mo., sampling grain in Kansas City elevators, then in the fall of 1941 came to his father's farm E. of Lisle and entered into farm partnership. In 1955 he became agent for the Patrons and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in the Drexel area and was president of the board in 1974. He married Olivan Marquis, daughter of Harley and Ina (Mills) Marquis of Drexel, Mo. They have 3 children, Anna Lee and twin sons, William Harley and Robert Cleveland, and one grandchild, Abbey, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleveland Bundy in 1975.

T. C. Bundy, Jr. took over the family farm in 1968 and with his two sons was operating their 1280 acre farm and other rental acres at his untimely death in 1974. His two sons are carrying on the farm operation. The original 80 acres is one of the "100 plus years of family ownership farms" in Cass Co. in this bicentennial year of 1976.

The parents of T. C. Bundy, Jr. were T. C. (Cleve) and Lucille (Dale) Bundy. Cleve Bundy was born 1884 on the family farm and took the farm over in 1908 when his father retired and moved to Drexel. Cleve Bundy was an active farm operator, and also owned and operated the Drexel Elevator 1915-1918 and was an insurance agent from 1936 until his death 1955. He was active in the government agricultural program from its beginning in the 1930s, being county chairman when he had to retire 1943 because of his health. Cleve Bundy and his wife had son T. C., Jr., and daughters, Mrs. Mildred Branaman of Richmond, Mo., Mrs. Dorothy Adkins and Mrs. Lois Patterson of Kansas City, Mo.

Cleve Bundy was the son of Henry C. Bundy born 1844 who came to Mo. from Va., 1870 and married Lucy Hainline of Rushville, Mo., daughter of Hardin Hainline who had come to Mo. from Ky. In 1872 Henry C. and Lucy Bundy bought 80 acres of land in Coldwater Twp., Cass Co., and there raised 11 children, who were: (1) Charles C., one time county official and druggist in Harrisonville. His only child, the Rev. Clarence Bundy, lives in Drexel, Mo. (2) Ella who married the Rev. Alonzo Gartin of north Mo. and had 4 children. (3) Arthur, a farmer in the Freeman area, married Nellie Daniels. Their one son, Trueman Bundy, lives in Paola, Kans. (4) Rebecca who married Ed Beck, a farmer in the Freeman area for many years. They had 6 children: Pearl (Pat); Henry; Ernest; Hazel; Mary and E. L. Jr. (5) Lee, married Lavena Bybee and had two children, Robert and Ruth. (6) Ernest, one time commission agent at the Kansas City stockyards. (7) John, a merchant, had two children, Jacqueline and Beverly. (8) Cleve. (9) Geneva who married the Rev. George Keetch and had one child, Mary. (10) Thurman, a banker, married Cecil Wyatt of Belton, had one son. (11) Abbie who married Charles D. Hamlin, Drexel druggist. She died 1972, the last survivor of the 11 children.

JOHN JAMES BURKE

John James Burke was born Oct. 17, 1852, one mile south of Harrisonville on what was known as the Burke homestead in an adobe house. Here he was reared to manhood and received his education at the Belle Plain School and the Harrisonville Public School. In 1874 he went to Texas and lived one year, then returned to Harrisonville and farmed the land on the home place. He continued at this until the spring of 1877 when he commenced to clerk in the grocery department of the W. H. Barrett and Co. store. He was made manager of this department. Here he continued his services until Jan. 1, 1890, at which time he resigned his position and embarked in business for himself, organizing the firm of J. J. Burke & Co dealers in groceries and feed and taking his brother George as his partner. This firm continued with marked success until Aug. 15, 1898 at which time John bought his brother's interest in the business and took as his partner this time his son-in-law, Bert Purcell Grose. This firm enjoyed a good business and continued until April 21, 1905 at which time they sold their business and Mr. Burke entered into the real estate, loan and insurance business. At this, he worked for a period of about 3½ years, but during all that time Mr. Burke still had a longing to be behind the counter again. On Nov. 1, 1908 he went into the grocery and feed business again and continued until Dec. 1, 1916 at which date he sold his business, and took a much needed vacation.

John James Burke and Miss Nancy Eveline Pearson were married Oct. 17, 1877. They had one daughter, Beryl L. Burke, who married Bert P. Grose. Of this union, one daughter was born, Eveline Burke Grose. Eveline Grose married Joseph Melvin Pollock in 1936 and to this union three children were born, John Burke Pollock, Joseph Melvin Pollock Jr., and Margaret Louise Pollock.

Eveline G. Pollock now resides in Harrisonville, Mo. on East Pearl Street and is a very proud grandmother of seven grandchildren — Andrea Helen Pollock, John Gregory Pollock, Sharon Adean Pollock, Kristen Ann Pollock, Michele Marie Laws, Christopher Scott Laws and Matthew Steven Laws.

JOSEPH BURKE

Joseph Burke was born in Bristol, England, on June 12, 1812. He became a naturalist and as a young man traveled in Africa and India gathering specimens for the Earl of Derby to put in the British Museum.

After returning to England from Africa and India he became a member of the Hudson Bay Company with headquarters at Vancouver, British Columbia. He remained there about one year, then returned to England.

In the year 1848 Joseph Burke and his wife, Elizabeth and their two children left their home in England and sailed for the United States. They landed in New York City, then came to Jackson County, Missouri and entered 160 acres of land where the former Ridge Building stood in Kansas City. After living there in a cabin for a few months, he sold the land and came to Cass County, Missouri. They had only lived in Cass County a short time, when the news reached them of the discovery of gold in California.

This news of finding gold sounded good. A great many people from here were going so Joseph Burke decided to go too. For this try he bought a covered wagon and a good team of mules and on May 1, 1849, he started on his journey. It took him 3 months to make the trip. When he reached there he found there really was gold! He engaged in placer mining, having to use a sieve to separate the nuggets from the gravel.

Joseph Burke sold his wagons and mules, having decided to come home by boat. He sailed on the Pacific Ocean, then on the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans, up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, on the Missouri River to Kansas City and by stage to Cass County.

He arrived home in December, 1851, bringing with him $5000.00 in gold and two nuggets, one of which he kept just as he found it, and the other he had made into a broach.

In the spring of 1852 he entered 240 acres of land in Cass County, Missouri, one mile south of Harrisonville. He made this farm his home the remainder of his life.

During the Civil War, he served in the Federal Army as 1st Lieutenant.

He died January 23, 1873 leaving his wife and eight children. One of the eight children, a son, John James Burke, became a veteran businessman of Harrisonville.

JAMES A. BURNEY

James A. Burney, farmer and stockraiser, was born in Cooper County, Missouri, December 29, 1825 and was a son of James C. Burney, a native of Alabama, who removed to Cooper County, in the pioneer days of this county. He was a son of Adam Burney, a native of Scotland who came to America in Colonial days, settled in North Carolina and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

In 1839, James C. Burney went to Cass County purchasing land and developing a farm near Pleasant Hill, Missouri. He married Jane Sloan, a daughter of Alexander Sloan, of Tennessee. The boyhood of James A. Burney was passed on his father's farm. Later in life, he purchased nearly six hundred acres in West Peculiar Township, where he resided until his retirement when he went to Harrisonville to spend the remaining years of his life. Always a staunch Republican, of which he was one of its organizers, he was one of three men in Cass County to vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in his township in 1866, serving in that capacity by reappointment for many years thereafter.

James A. Burney and his wife were among the early members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in a Kansas Regiment of Volunteer Infantry and saw service in Missouri and Arkansas.

He was married in Jackson County, Missouri, May 19, 1853 to America D. Moore, daughter of Travis Moore, who was born in Virginia and came to Jackson County in its pioneer days. They became the parents of ten children: Charles F., attorney, died 1880; James Travis and Wm. Leonard, attorneys; Ida L. married D. C. Barnett, attorney; Elizabeth married Oscar Duffield of Warrensburg; Abraham Lincoln, banker, married Edith Haskell of Lawrence, Kansas; Mary E. died young; Margaret J. married L. C. Wilson; Carl S. died young while Post Master of Harrisonville, Missouri; and Edith Burney who married Wm. Hale, banker, of Belton, Missouri.

Charles F. married Martha Hidden who died in her thirties leaving one son, Charles James Burney, who was raised by his grandparents. Charles J. married Gladys Pearson Burney of Harrisonville, daughter of Wm. Pearson. One daughter, Martha Hedder was born to them.

James Travis, an attorney, married Mary Bills of near Pleasant Hill. To them were born, James Paschel Burney and William Travis Burney. James Travis attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg. In 1877 and 1878 he attended the Kansas State University of Lawrence. The two succeeding years he read law in the office of Robert T. Railey and in 1880 was admitted to the bar at Harrisonville, Missouri. He organized a volunteer company for service at the outbreak of the Spanish American War and left for the front as Captain of his company. He later practiced law in Kansas City, Missouri; Oakland, California and New York City. He died in 1937.

Wm. Leonard, attorney, married Allie Deacon of Harrisonville, later moving to Osceola, Missouri in 1922 and was elected Circuit Judge of the 129th Judicial district. He died in 1938.

Ida married DeWitt Clinton Barnett, an attorney in Harrisonville. They were the parents of Burney Barnett, Charles, Henry Leonard, Mary Barnett Denbam and Margaret Barnett.

Elizabeth married Oscar Duffield of Warrensburg. They had two children, Meecca and Carl who died in 1975.

Abraham Lincoln married Edith Haskel of Lawrence, Kansas. They had one son, Dudley.

Mary E. died young.

Margaret married L. C. Wilson. They had one son, Lawrence.

Edith married Wm. Hale of Belton. They had one son, Travis Burney Hale.

WILLIAM LEONARD BURNEY

William Leonard Burney, a son of James A. and America Moore Burney, was born on his father's farm near Peculiar, Cass County. He received his elementary education in the Burney school, the land having been given by his father. He was graduated from the Kansas University law school and was admitted to the Missouri Bar Association in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Mr. Burney began his practice of law in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, in the office of Shannon, Burney and Shannon.

On June 20, 1888, he and Allie Deacon, daughter of John and Flavia Proctor Deacon, were married in Harrisonville. Her parents had come to Harrisonville from Canada at the close of the Civil War, establishing a general merchandise store, later becoming a well known hardware store. Leaving Medicine Lodge after a few years, Mr. Burney, established a law office in Warsaw, Missouri. Later the family moved to Harrisonville where Mr. Burney practiced law and Mrs. Burney could be near her aged parents.

Like his father, William Leonard was a staunch Republican and was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention when it met in Chicago. He was the first Republican from Cass County to be appointed to the Board of Regents of the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Missouri.

In 1922 Mr. Burney opened a law office in Osceola, Missouri. In 1928 he was elected Circuit Judge of the 129th Judicial District, comprising the four counties of St. Clair, Benton, Bates and Henry, at which time he and Mrs. Burney moved to Clinton, Missouri, to be more centrally located in his judiciary.

After his retirement, Judge and Mrs. Burney moved to Seattle, Washington, to be near their son, Travis Deacon Burney. While visiting a daughter in Harrisonville, he suffered a stroke of which he died December 23, 1938.

Judge Burney was always proud that none of his decisions were reversed while he was on the bench. He felt a special interest in young offenders and always advised them to attend church as he told them that young people who attended church regularly seldom got into trouble. He was a Sunday

school teacher for many years in the Harrisonville and Osceola Presbyterian Churches.

He and Mrs. Burney were the parents of three children — Flavia America, who married Lt. Col. Frank N. Chilton, a native of Harrisonville, Missouri; a son, Travis Deacon Burney, who married Ethel Graham of Oakland, California and Mary Ruth, who married Harry Robert Pearson II, of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Flavia Burney and Frank N. Chilton were the parents of five daughters. Lt. Colonel Chilton retired from the Army Medical Corps in 1919. He located in Eugene, Oregon, later moving to San Jose, California where he practiced medicine until 1956 when he retired. He died in 1961. Mrs. Chilton is still living in San Jose at the age of eighty-eight years.

Lois Chilton married Francis Bridges, of San Jose.

Frances Chilton married Einer Paulsen, of Sacramento, California.

Elain Chilton married David Countelow, of San Jose. After a divorce, she married Fred MacCormick, of San Jose.

Bernita Chilton married Ernest Nelson, of San Jose. She died in 1962.

Patricia Burney Chilton married William Bond, of San Jose, California.

Mary Ruth Burney married Harry Robert Pearson II, of Harrisonville, Missouri, on October 11, 1925. They are the parents of one son Harry Robert Pearson III.

Travis Deacon Burney was born in Harrisonville, Missouri, November 10, 1892. He was educated in the Harrisonville schools, graduating with the Class of 1910. He attended Missouri University and there was employed by the New England National Bank in Kansas City and later by the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma. When World War I arrived, he enlisted in the famous Rainbow Division with the rank of Sergeant. His division, the 117th Ammunition Train, engaged in many battles in Europe and was sent to Germany with the Rainbow Division and was not deactivated until May, 1919.

After being discharged from the Army, Mr. Burney went to Seattle, Washington where he was employed as an accountant by the Pacific Fruit and Produce Company for many years.

He was married in 1928 to Mrs. Ethel Graham of Oakland, California. After his retirement he and Mrs. Burney moved to Campbell, California where Mrs. Burney died in 1960.

Mr. Burney then moved to a retirement home in Santa Cruz, California, dying there in August, 1968. For many years, he was active in the American Legion and the Elks Lodge.

CHARLES SAMUEL BUSH

Charles Samuel Bush was born December 1, 1861 in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, the son of Robert Neil and Henrietta Fleming Bush. He spent his childhood in Pleasant Hill and at 19 went to Colorado to search for silver. He had no luck so he joined a survey crew for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, the first railroad put through the mountains south of Denver. When he returned home he entered business college in Kansas City.

In 1888 he went to Oklahoma as an industrial teacher at the Kiowa Indian School at Anadarko. He resigned after a year and went to Fairfax, Washington, where he worked for 2 years with a surveying crew, laying out another railroad line.

He then returned to Pleasant Hill and was city marshal for a year before quitting to make the run into the Cherokee Strip. He had gone down and picked out a farm site to run for near Blackwell, Oklahoma. He thought he was out in front and that no one passed him but when he got there someone was already there. Next he obtained a position as an industrial and agricultural instructor with the Sioux Indian Agency in South Dakota. He was later transferred to Fort Yates, North Dakota where he spent 4 years.

While at Fort Yates he was chief of police and judge for the Federal Government. As police chief, he headed a force of 40 Indian policemen who replaced the soldiers as the Indians were given more self-government. As judge he did not conduct the trials, for this was done by an Indian judge. His job was to review the decisions and then refer the ones he disagreed on to the Federal Agency.

Chief of the Sioux at this time was Rain in the Face, a warrior at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Sitting Bull, who was chief at the time of the battle, was buried on the reservation.

Charles Bush was married on May 29, 1902 to Hattie Gibson of Pleasant Hill. They lived in North Dakota and she taught the Indians as long as he was in this work.

In 1904 he asked to be sent to the Ponca Agency at White Eagle, Oklahoma. Four years later he resigned and they moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma.

On December 21, 1908 he and L. C. Harsh opened the Harsh and Bush Grocery. He continued in the business until he retired 26½ years later.

Mrs. Bush taught school in Ponca City, was county school superintendent, and in her later years tutored those who were having trouble in their school work. When she was in her 80's she took a short course at Enid to familiarize herself with Modern Math.

They never had any children of their own but they did raise a niece, Frances Gibson. Frances died during the flu epidemic, leaving 2 children, who were raised by Mr. and Mrs. Bush.

Both were devout Christians. Mrs. Bush taught a Sunday School Class for 30 years.

He died at Ponca City, May 23, 1951 and she died Dec. 24, 1974.

Robert Neil Bush 1861.

ROBERT NEIL BUSH

Robert Neil Bush was born March 31, 1831 in Clark County, Kentucky near the present town of Winchester. He was the son of Nelson and Nancy Neil Bush. They lived in the Bush settlement near Winchester. There were five Bush brothers and a sister who came from Virginia in the company which Daniel Boone and Capt. Billy Bush (one of the brothers) brought to Kentucky. They built the first Baptist church in Kentucky, called the Providence Church. It is still in use today.

At the age of 19 years Robert came to the home of his brother, Landon, who owned land near the present day Prairie Lee Lake and Lake Jacomo in Jackson Co. Soon after he came to Missouri he went into wagon-freighting with Majors and Waddell. For seven years he made trips from Independence to New Mexico and Utah.

On December 7, 1858, he was married in Old Town P.H. to Henrietta Fleming, daughter of Violinda Fleming. Three years after his marriage, the Civil War began and as a strong believer in state rights he became a member of Co. A, 16th Missouri Infantry C.S.A.

After the War he came back to Pleasant Hill and went into the butcher business with "Uncle Will" Fleming. At the end of a year he went with his family to Texas. He remained there two years and came back to Pleasant Hill to stay. He farmed for several years and in 1879 became sexton of the Pleasant Hill cemetery and held that position until 1916.

His wife died September 16, 1875 after a long illness, leaving 3 boys, the youngest of which was only 5 years old. These were Chris, Charles and David Nelson Bush. Robert never married again and raised the boys himself. There were 2 black women — Mary and Mandy Hockaday — who washed, ironed, and cleaned for them. He died December 24, 1920.

Prof. Andrew Jackson Trapp, father of Alma Leah Trapp, was born September 15, 1832 near Hazel Hill in Johnson County. He was the son of Judge William and Rebecca Lovelady Trapp. He attended Chapel Hill college and continued to study throughout his life, having an excellent education, especially in mathematics. He went to Jefferson City, stood an examination and was granted a lifetime certificate as a teacher. He was awarded the honor of working a problem in Ray's "Higher Arithmetic" that no one had been able to work. He began teaching at age 17 and taught his last school at age 77.

He went to Utah as a scout for a wagon train. He was in Salt Lake City when the Mormon Temple was begun.

He was also the surveyor in Johnson County for 2 terms. He helped lay out several towns and surveyed the grounds for Central Missouri State University. His name is on many of the deeds in this area.

Prof. Trapp was married to Sarah Katherine Young of Atchison, Kansas, having met her while teaching there. They had 4 daughters and 2 sons.

He was a member of the Christian Church and was also a Mason. He died at the age of 94.

David Nelson Bush was born January 14, 1869 to Robert Neil and Henrietta Fleming Bush in Pleasant Hill. He was a farmer and spent all of his life here except for a year when he went to the Urton Ranch in New Mexico to work as a cowboy. When asked why he didn't stay he said that back in Missouri he had seen a pretty girl in a poke bonnet. That girl was Alma Leah Trapp, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Young Trapp. They were married December 1, 1892 at her home in Old Town. They had 1 daughter, Katherine Fleming, who married Edgar Riggs. Their 2 daughters are Nancy Neil Riggs, a teacher, and Caralee Riggs, who is married to Ernest Dodson and has 3 sons who are all in the Air Force; T/Sgt David and Patricia Dodson have 2 sons, Gwain and Damian. David's older children are Laina Sue and David Dean; Capt. Dennis Dodson and his wife, Vilna, have 2 children, Stefan and Juana; Lt. Dean Dodson and his wife Diane are currently stationed in England.

TAYLOR BUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bush were grandparents of Mrs. Edna Wills and the late Roy E. Phillips of Peculiar. At one time Taylor Bush and his wife, Sallie, operated the Peculiar Hotel and a livery business (1902) and continued to operate both until they retired about 1912 when Mr. and Mrs. Jake Robinson became managers and owners of the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush were the parents of four children: Mrs. Monroe (Anna) Phillips, Mrs. Perry (Birdie) Noland, Mrs. Pearl (Nellie) Phillips and Arthur M. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1919, four years before Mr. Bush passed away. Mrs. Bush died in 1931. Their daughter, Mrs. Anna Phillips, and her husband also lived together 54 years. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bush of Tulsa celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and their grandson, Roy Phillips, celebrated their 58th anniversary in 1967. Another grandson and his wife, Cecil and Mildred Phillips, celebrated their 53rd anniversary.

All members of the Taylor Bush family are deceased and several of their grandchildren, the most recent being Roy Ernest Phillips, who passed away March 23, 1968.

ALFRED BYBEE

Alfred Bybee (born December 28, 1810, died November 5, 1888) married Arraminta Railsback (born October 17, 1819, died February 27, 1883) July 6, 1837, in Clark County, Kentucky. Alfred was the youngest of ten children born to James Bybee, Sr. and Margaret (Emerson) Bybee in Kentucky. His paternal grandparents were David and Nancy Bybee, who came from Culpepper County, Virginia to Clark County, Kentucky, in 1792.

Alfred and Arraminta came to Cass County in the 1840's and settled southwest of Harrisonville. Alfred traded pork he had butchered to the Indians at his home and at Trading Post Kansas.

The children of Alfred and Arraminta were: James L. (born April 20, 1838, died April 28, 1893) married Minnie _____; Fielding Edward (born July 15, 1839, died February 18, 1910) married Eleanor Dian Duvall September 4, 1870; Francis M.

(born April 19, 1842, died June, 1864; Elizabeth Manerva (born October 7, 1843, died November 24, 1871); Nancy Jane (born August 31, 1846, died May 16, 1870), married Mr. Dykes; Napoleon Bonaparte (born March 31, 1848, died July 25, 1914), married America Belle Morrison April 12, 1877.

FIELDING EDWARD BYBEE

Fielding Edward Bybee, son of Alfred and Arraminta Railsback Bybee (ref. sketch in The History of Cass and Bates Counties, 1883 edition) was born July 15, 1839 near Winchester in Clark County, Kentucky. He came to Cass County, Missouri with his parents in 1840 and grew up on the family farm southwest of Harrisonville.

In 1861 Mr. Bybee enlisted in the Missouri State Guard and in 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army for the duration of the Civil War. He participated in battles at Morristown and Wilson's Creek (called Oak Hill by the Confederates) in Missouri. Later, he was engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas and from there went on to the general engagements at Corinth and Champion Hill in Mississippi, where he was seriously wounded. During the Georgia campaign he was taken prisoner of war at Kennesaw Mountain and was released from the Army in 1865.

After the war Fielding Bybee attended the University of Missouri at Columbia and a business college at Quincy, Illinois.

On Sept. 4, 1870, Fielding Edward Bybee was married to Eleanor Dian Duvall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Duvall, and a native of Hardin County, Kentucky. They established their home southwest of Harrisonville where they lived for the rest of their lives. Their children were William Alfred, June 15, 1871-Jan. 27, 1874; Arra, Feb. 20, 1873-May 3, 1970, married William Alfred Stair; Elizabeth, Oct. 3, 1875-June 7, 1908; Francis Edward, Feb. 6, 1878-April 8, 1943, married Mary Lawrence Kipke; Howard Lee, July 3, 1880-Nov. 5, 1916, married Olive Jane Lemmer; Walter Elbert, Jan. 22, 1883-Mar. 10, 1965, married Myrtle Parker; Henrietta, Aug. 25, 1885-June 3, 1929, married Asa B. Hagans; Elmira, Dec. 29, 1887-May 13, 1963; Eulah, April 2, 1890-Dec. 1, 1974, married Elmer Emerson Knibb; Charles Ernest, June 21, 1893, married Bertha Mae Temple; George Earl, June 21, 1893-June 20, 1972, married Ella Myrtle Temple.

Although Fielding Bybee's primary occupation was farming, he twice served in public office. He was county surveyor and bridge administrator for six years and in 1888, was elected to the Missouri State Senate where he served in the Thirty Fifth General Assembly.

The farm on which Fielding and Eleanor Bybee lived was purchased in 1853 and 1854 by his father Alfred Bybee. A part of the original farm is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ernest Bybee and another part is owned by Mrs. Ella M. Bybee, widow of George Earl Bybee.

Eleanor Dian Bybee died Dec. 20, 1907 and Fielding Edward Bybee died Feb. 18, 1910 at their home southwest of Harrisonville. They are buried in the Freeman Cemetery, Freeman, Missouri.

FRANK E. BYBEE

The late Frank E. Bybee was born February 6, 1878, the fourth child of Fielding E. and Eleanor Duvall Bybee. His birthplace was seven miles southwest of Harrisonville on land purchased from the United States government by his grandfather, Alfred Bybee who came to Missouri from Kentucky about 1840.

On May 26, 1901, Frank E. Bybee and Mary L. Kipke were united in marriage at her home in the Flynn's Chapel community. She was the only child of Traugott and Catherine A. Kipke who came from Ohio to Missouri and bought a home just after the War between the States.

Frank E. and Mary L. Bybee established their home in the Flynn's Chapel neighborhood. His interest in the land and in livestock was retained until his death. He operated a dairy for nineteen years, disposing of it in March, 1940.

In 1911 Frank E. Bybee was elected a justice of the peace within Grand River township. With the exception of a few years he served in this capacity until his death, though ill health curtailed his duties during the last years of his life. He died April 8, 1943, at the home in Harrisonville where the family had moved in the fall of 1920.

Mary L. Bybee survived her husband by twenty-five years. She made her home in Kansas City, Missouri from August, 1944, until her death in Shawnee, Kansas, on May 15, 1968.

The three children of Frank E. and Mary L. Bybee were born in the farm home.

The son, Arthur L. Bybee, was born November 21, 1904. He attended the Bybee school and the Harrisonville High School from which he graduated in 1923. That same year he joined the Citizens National Bank as bookkeeper. He moved up through the positions of teller and assistant cashier, and acquired part interest in the business in 1954. At that time he assumed the duties of executive vice-president and cashier. He retired early in 1973 from active duties, but continued as a member of the bank's board of directors. His death was at his home on March 7, 1973.

Arthur L. Bybee and Elizabeth Spicer, daughter of Lee and Elizabeth Spicer, were married in Harrisonville on August 21, 1927. The couple lived their entire married life in Harrisonville. Elizabeth Bybee is still a resident.

Arthur L. and Elizabeth Bybee were the parents of two daughters, Marilyn Ann Bybee, born October 28, 1931, was educated in the Harrisonville schools and then attended Central Missouri State College. Subsequently she was employed in Kansas City, Missouri. Her marriage to Joe E. Velasquez, a drafting engineer, took place on September 4, 1953. The couple now live in Wichita, Kansas. They have two children, Lee Eugene Velasquez and Elisa Ann Velasquez.

Nancy Lee Bybee, the younger daughter of the Arthur Bybees, was born April 18, 1939. She attended the Harrisonville schools and was graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1961. She taught business education in Missouri schools for several years. On September 1, 1961, she and Thomas D. Turner, a medical student at Missouri University, were married in Harrisonville. Thomas D. Turner is now a practicing physician in Boise, Idaho, where the couple live. They are the parents of three children, Thomas D. Turner II, Terence Neil Turner, and Tracy Elizabeth Turner.

Velda L. Bybee, the oldest child of Frank E. and Mary L. Bybee, went to the Bybee school and the Harrisonville High School. She attended Central Missouri State Teacher's College and obtained a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Kansas City, now the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She was a teacher in Cass County schools, in the Harrisonville school, and finally in the schools of Kansas City, Missouri. She retired from the faculty of Westport High School in Kansas City in the spring of 1970. She now lives in Harrisonville.

Eleanor D. Bybee, the youngest child of the Frank Bybees, was graduated from the Harrisonville High School in 1926. In August of 1927 she and Halbert H. Smart, known as Ted, were married. Ted was the son of the late Fletcher and Cynthia Smart.

Ted and Eleanor Smart lived for a time on the Smart farm north of Harrisonville. They then moved to Kansas City where they made their home for a number of years. During this time Ted was a cattle salesman for the Maxwell-Furnish firm. Later they moved to Moline, Kansas, where Ted continued in the cattle business. The family returned to Kansas City in 1953. Mr. Smart's health had failed, and his death occurred in May, 1957.

Eleanor D. Smart was employed for a number of years as a secretary for the American Cancer Society. She returned to Moline, Kansas, soon after her husband's death and studied to become an abstractor. In time she became part owner of an abstract business in Howard, Kansas.

She was remarried to George Turner of Moline on July 23, 1961. The couple made their home in Moline. George Turner died on April 2, 1970. Eleanor Turner continued her abstract work until ill health forced her retirement. She is still a resident of Moline.

Ted and Eleanor were the parents of one child, Cynthia Dian. Cynthia was married to Jack Durbin of Moline on June 1, 1952. Their daughter is Mrs. Dana Gillespie of Haysville, Kansas. She and her husband, Ed Gillespie, have a daughter, Angela Dian.

In December of 1973 Cynthia Durbin was married to Marvin Weddle of Clearwater, Kansas. Marvin and Cynthia Weddle live in Haysville, Kansas. They have a daughter, Staci Linn Weddle.

GEORGE EARL BYBEE

George Earl Bybee, son of Fielding Edward and Eleanor Dian Duvall Bybee, was born June 21, 1893, southwest of Harrisonville in Cass County, Missouri. He lived all his life in the same community where he was engaged in farming. For 23 years he also served as road overseer for Grand River township in Cass County.

On Sept. 5, 1916, George Bybee and Ella Myrtle Temple were married at Harrisonville, Missouri. She was born in Polk County, near Bolivar, Missouri, the daughter of Benjamin Bell and Artie Mae Swank Temple. Artie Temple was a direct descendant of American Revolutionary patriot, Jacob Wycoff.

Mr. Bybee died June 20, 1972, at Harrisonville, Missouri and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery, Freeman, Missouri. Mrs. Ella Bybee resides in Harrisonville. A part of the original Fielding Bybee farm remains in her ownership.

George and Ella Bybee became the parents of two daughters, Dolores Amelia, Oct. 23, 1917, and Frances Dian, Oct. 17, 1919-Nov. 1, 1969.

Dolores Amelia Bybee married Rolf Raynard Crockett, son of Alonzo Raynard and Corrine Viola Russell Crockett, on Jan. 2, 1942, in Kansas City, Missouri. Their children are: Carolyn Cecelia, Feb. 23, 1946, married Juan Carlos Grube; Marilyn Diane, Feb. 1, 1948, married Thomas Osmon Pretti; Rolf Raynard Crockett II, Aug. 2, 1950, married Jacquelyn Dee Kelly; Dolores Ann, Feb. 13, 1953, married Richard Allen Keetch. Marilyn and Thomas Pretti are the parents of one daughter, Toni Diane, Sept. 9, 1972.

Dolores and Rolf Crockett reside in Belton, Missouri. He is an engineer with the Bendix Corporation. She is employed by the United States Air Force.

Before her death in 1969, Frances Dian Bybee resided in Kansas City, Missouri and was employed by Trans World Airlines for 27 years. She died at Harrisonville, Missouri and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery, Freeman, Missouri.

NAPOLEON B. BYBEE

Napoleon B. Bybee (born March 31, 1848, died July 25, 1914) married America Belle Morrison (born November 9, 1857, died September 11, 1941) on April 12, 1877, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elem Morrison, southwest of Freeman.

They were the parents of thirteen children: Margie (born January 18, 1878, died an infant July 25, 1879); Alfred Elem (born July 28, 1879, died October 15, 1930) married Anna A. Daniel August, 1899; Sarah Lavinia (born January 26, 1881, died June 30, 1966) married Robert Lee Bundy May 28, 1902; Eva Lee (born September 23, 1882, died April 1, 1894); Fannie Belle (born May 8, 1884, died December 5, 1971) married Allen (Bert) Smith August 6, 1902; Lizzie May (born December 20, 1885, died May 9, 1913) married John Lott March 19, 1911; Samuel Marion (born April 20, 1887, died March 12, 1966) married Ethel Spradling December 24, 1909; James Henry (born January 20, 1889, died April 1, 1969), single; "Col." Napoleon B., Jr. (born May 8, 1891, died January 1, 1970) married first Maude L. Powell, second Josephine McCrosky; Robert Lee (born July 7, 1893, died November 7, 1907) single; William Thomas (born September 24, 1897) still living, single; Manard Lane (born December 28, 1898, died January 1, 1956) married Ada E. Linville; Mary Arminta (born June 20, 1900) married George E. Simmons, April 30, 1919.

SAMUEL MARION BYBEE

Samuel Marion Bybee, one of thirteen children born to Napoleon Bonaparte and America Belle Morrison Bybee, was born April 10, 1887 near Lisle, Missouri, and grew up in the South Fork neighborhood. He attended Business College in Sedalia, Missouri and then began his farming career on the

farm of a widowed sister, Mrs. Sarah L. Bundy, near Freeman.

He married Ethel Evelyn Spradling on Dec. 24, 1909. Their first home was near Freeman but later moved to the Daugherty community near Harrisonville. They lived 33 years on that farm and suffered the loss of a barn and its contents by fire. During the depression years they were unable to retain possession of the farm, and moved to a rental near Peculiar. After a few years they again purchased a farm near Harrisonville.

In his younger years he loved fine horses and, although a small man, he worked the largest horses around. He loved all kinds of music, played several instruments by ear and sang bass. He served one term as assessor in Grand River township.

His wife, a very capable woman, was accomplished in sewing and hand work and active in the church wherever she lived. She was also a charter member of the Extension Clubs of the County and was crowned princess in a queen contest held by them. They were the parents of two children: Clara Belle (Mrs. T. B.) Prettyman and Clarence Marion Bybee.

Clara Belle was born July 31, 1911. She is a graduate of Central Missouri State College and started a teaching career at the age of 18 and has spent 28 years in this profession. She took time out to raise a family of three children, taught United Methodist Church School, of which the family are members, was active in 4-H Club work and Past Matron, Order of the Eastern Star. She married T. B. Prettyman, June 2, 1934. They are the parents of the following:

Josephine Carol (Mrs. Gary R.) Hipple, born Oct. 28, 1938. She is a registered nurse, a graduate of the University of Missouri with a B.S. degree in Nursing. For the past several years she has been Supervisor of Obstetrics in the Cass County Memorial Hospital of Harrisonville, Missouri, and is Past Matron, Order of the Eastern Star. She has two children, Teresa Ann Bilderback and Thomas Richard Hipple.

Samuel Arthur Prettyman was born March 27, 1940. He has one son, Samuel Arthur Prettyman, Jr. (his mother is the former Janet Bailey Prettyman). On Nov. 13, 1970, Sam married Mary Ellen David Wimsatt and has two step-children, Loren and Lorie Wimsatt. Sam works for United Telephone Company and is very active with the Volunteer Fire Department of Harrisonville.

Robert Brown Prettyman, born Oct. 9, 1946 is a graduate of Central Missouri University with a degree in Agri-Business. After high school, he spent three years in the Navy, serving aboard the aircraft carrier "Ranger" during the Viet Nam war. He married Janice Marie Helmick Nov. 20, 1967. They have one daughter, Kathy Kay. Robert farms his parents' farm as well as the farm of his great aunt, Agnes Brown Hamilton, and other land in the area.

Clarence Marion Bybee was born June 16, 1913, near Harrisonville. At an early age he started farming, which was his life-long occupation. He enlisted in World War II in April, 1942. He was stationed for the duration at Luke Field, Arizona, where he was in charge of civilian payroll. After the war, he remained in Chandler, Arizona and worked on the farm of Elmo Tribby for a year. While in Arizona, he met and married the former Helen Penrod, of Troy, Ohio. Helen was a devoted wife and mother of their adopted son, David Marion.

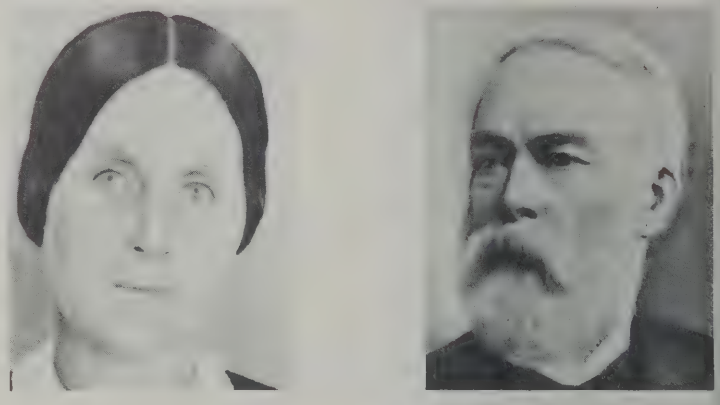
David attended U.M.K.C. one year, then transferred to Finley Engineering College. He now installs and services two-way radios. After a year of much suffering, Clarence died of cancer on May 22, 1975. Clarence loved farming and had built up a herd of fine polled Hereford cattle, of which he was justly proud, during the 28 years he lived on the Alva Foster farm west of Harrisonville.

ALBERT WASHINGTON BYRAM

Albert Washington Byram was born 24 Apr. 1822, Bath Co., Ky., died 13 Oct. 1894, Garland, Henry Co., Mo., married 11 Oct. 1846, Nicholas Co., Ky., Emily J. Robinson, daughter of John M. and Mildred (Ferrel) Robinson, born 11 May 1823, Montgomery Co., Ky., died 1 Oct. 1890 near Holden, Johnson Co., Mo., both buried Pisgah Cemetery N. of Chilhowee, Johnson Co.

He was son of Valentine and Ruth (Fletcher) Byram of Nicholas and Bath Cos., Ky., grandson of Peter and Lucy (Phillips) Byram from Stafford Co., Va. to Mason Co., Ky., and of Thomas Fletcher and his wife Ann (West) Sorency from Pa. to Ky.

A. W. Byram and family moved from Fleming Co., Ky. to Harrisonville around 1866, several years later moving from Cass Co. to Johnson Co., Mo., he living and farming the rest of his life in Johnson and Henry Cos.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Byram.

A. W. and Emily J. (Robinson) Byram had children, all born Ky.: (1) and (2) twins who died at birth. (3) Oscar Worth Byram, 1849-1920, married Mary W. Thornton, lived Harrisonville. (4) Thomas Clayton Byram, 1850-1924, married 1891, Johnson Co., Rose Lee Roberts who died 1948, both buried Holden Cemetery. As a young man Clayton Byram spent 6 years silver mining in Utah then returned to Johnson Co. to farm and raise stock until his retirement and move into Holden 1919. They had children: (a) Allen Green Byram, 1892-1918, died Portsmouth, Va. while serving in the Navy. (b) Luke Roberts Byram, 1894-1966, married first 1919, Johnson Co., Jessie Louise Downing and had daughter Mrs. Paul H. (Roseanne) Miller; married second 1936, Johnson Co.,

Florence Osborne who survived him and lives in Warrensburg. (c) Margaret Byram married Wendle W. White. (d) Frances Byram married Ralph Murray. (e) Albert W. Byram married 1918, Johnson Co., Ollie C. Transue, had daughters Bettie Rose and Bernice. (f) son born and died 1911. (5) David Crittenden Byram, ca1852-1927, of Holden, unmarried. (6) Leander Wirt Byram, ca1854-1926, unmarried. He studied law under Orendorf and Creighton, Springfield, Ill., in the office once occupied by Abraham Lincoln, was admitted to the Cass Co. Bar 26 July 1879, started law practice in Harrisonville, moved to Kansas City 1885 where he practiced law 40 years before his retirement to Holden. (7) Clifton Washington Byram, twin, ca1856-1929, unmarried. After teaching in rural schools a few years he joined his brother Clayton in Utah but was blinded by a mining blast and returned to the family home, becoming well known through the area as an expert judge of livestock even though blind. (8) Clay W. Byram, twin, born ca1856, died an infant. (9) Elizabeth Mitchell (Bettie) Byram, 1858-1936, unmarried. After her mother died she was the homemaker for her father and unmarried brothers, all the later years in Holden. She often visited her two brothers who lived in Harrisonville. (10) William Sorency Byram, 1860-1936, married Nannie Franklin Fowler, lived Harrisonville.

OSCAR WORTH BYRAM

Son of Albert Washington and Emily J. (Robinson) Byram, Oscar Worth Byram was born 20 Oct. 1849, Bath Co., Ky., died 21 Mar. 1920, Harrisonville, Mo., married 26 Sept. 1877, Cass Co., Mary W. Thornton, 1855-1934, daughter of Charles T. and Kate (Hathaway) Thornton of Pleasant Hill. These Byrams and their children are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

O. W. Byram studied law at Sharpsburg Academy, Sharpsburg, Ky., at Louisville, Ky., and under Col. O. A. Patton in Charleston, W. Va., them came to Harrisonville, was admitted to the Cass Co. Bar 16 Oct. 1871 and practiced law in Harrisonville thereafter. In 1872 he was elected City Attorney, served several years, was elected Probate Judge 1894, and served 2 four-year terms. He was active in Democratic politics, was a charter member of the Knights of Honor and of A.O.U.W., member of the Methodist Church.

O. W. and Mary (Thornton) Byram had children: (1) Kate M. Byram, 1878-1881. (2) Emily May (Emma) Byram born 29 June 1880, died 8 May 1960, Ohio, married 19 Apr. 1900, Cass Co., Harlie Francis Clark, son of Frank H. Clark and his wife Terissa (Judy) Jones, born 12 Feb. 1878 near Garden City, Mo., died 2 Dec. 1953, Fort Thomas, Ky. where they had retired. Harlie F. Clark was a journalist for the *Cass Co. Democrat,* he and his brother Homer J. Clark becoming co-owners of the paper 1905. He served as City Clerk of Harrisonville 1909-1913, as Postmaster 1913-1921, was a member of the first volunteer fire department 1900, was first secretary of Kiwanis 1923, was a Mason, Shriner, Knight Templar. In 1925 he moved to Independence, Mo. on the staff of the *Independence Examiner,* in 1933 went to Washington, D.C. as secretary for Congressman C. C. Dickinson and remained in that and other

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Byram.

offices with succeeding congressmen until his retirement 1953. The Clarks had one son, Dr. Harold Francis Clark born 20 Aug. 1901, died 30 Apr. 1965, Hamilton, O., there buried, married 31 Dec. 1956, Tucumcari, New Mex., Dr. Pauline Garber of Wadsworth, Kans., a pathologist, who survived him and lives Hamilton, O. Harold Clark graduated from Harrisonville High School, Kansas City University College of Pharmacy, received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from Kansas University. He specialized in bacteriology and after 4 years in the Army during W.W. II joined the U.S. Public Health Service, lived in Cincinnati, O. but was sent over the country as an expert in analysis of city water supplies. In 1955 he was one of 4 public health scientists to receive the Kimble Methodology Research Award. (3) Mary Belle Byram born 5 Dec. 1883, died 14 July 1973, unmarried. She and her brother, Price, continued to live in the family home in Harrisonville until their deaths. She was a member of the Christian Church, and had the distinction of bearing a palindrome name, spelling the same backward as forward. (4) Thornton Buckner Byram born 2 Sept. 1886, died 3 May 1974, Harrisonville, unmarried. He was in banking at Pleasant Hill until ill health brought retirement and his return to Harrisonville, was a member of the Christian Church, a Mason. (5) Price Taliaferro Byram born 16 May 1892, died 25 Feb. 1974, unmarried. He was in the Harrisonville Post Office 1915 to his retirement 1952, was a member of the Christian Church and active in church work.

WILLIAM SORENCY BYRAM

Son of Albert Washington and Emily J. (Robinson) Byram, William Sorency Byram was born 24 Apr. 1860, Fleming Co., Ky., died 2 Oct. 1936, Harrisonville, Mo., married 12 June 1895, Cass Co., Nannie Franklin Fowler, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Susan Mary (Harris) Fowler, born 21 Oct. 1863 just E. of Harrisonville, died 19 Dec. 1939, Harrisonville, both buried there in Orient Cemetery.

As a boy William S. Byram came with his parents to Harrisonville and moved with them several years later to Holden, Mo. He attended public schools, taught in rural schools and read law in the office of J. P. Orr of Holden. He was admitted to the Cass Co. Bar 14 Aug. 1882 then went to the University of Michigan law school where he received his LLB degree

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Byram.

1883. He opened a law office in Harrisonville and there practiced law until his retirement 25 Oct. 1935. He was elected Probate Judge 1910 and served 2 four-year terms, was elected Mayor of Harrisonville 1919 and served 2 four-year terms. He was active in Democratic politics, a Mason, he and his wife were members of Eastern Star and devout members of and workers in the Methodist Church.

Nannie Franklin Fowler went to school in Harrisonville then Normal School in Warrensburg, Mo. and taught school in Harrisonville 9 years before her marriage. She was a charter member of Friends in Council and was giving a program at their meeting when fatally stricken. She wrote with grace and fluency, short stories and poems, not for publication but for the entertainment of her family and many friends from young children to adults.

W. S. and Nannie F. (Fowler) Byram had two children, Miss Margery Allen Byram who taught school in Kansas City until her retirement and lives in Kansas City, and Frank Fowler Byram born 27 Sept. 1902, died 8 July 1956 at the summer home of his wife's parents on Lake Geneva, Wisc., buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, married 17 Jan. 1931, Winnetka, Ill., Mary Linwood Blomeyer, no children, lived most of the time in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Byram married second 12 Mar. 1966, Palm Beach, Fla., L. M. Crouch, Jr. of Harrisonville.

LOTEN M. CALHOUN

Loten M. Calhoun was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina on September 21, 1846, to William and Martha Calhoun. On June 4, 1864, he enlisted in the North Carolina Jr. Reserves of the Confederacy at Camp Holmes. He was taken prisoner at Fort Fisher on Christmas day, 1864 and sent to Point Lookout, Maryland, Military Prison. He was released at Greensboro, North Carolina, May 8, 1865 to return to his home.

In 1878, he married Sarah Sparks. They had 4 children: Martha, John C., Nancy Delana (Garten) and a son, who died at birth. His wife died in 1885, leaving him with three small children. In December, 1888, he married Martha Ann Bennett.

The family left Virginia and came to Cass County, Missouri in 1896. They located near Garden City, where they resided on a farm for several years; moving from there to near Belton, Missouri.

Mr. Calhoun was a man of gentle disposition and a great lover of nature. He liked to study the formation of the stars, knowing them by name. In his later years, he and his wife resided on a farm south of Freeman, Missouri, where he died in December, 1921. He is buried in the Belton, Missouri Cemetery.

Mr. Calhoun was held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends; a man of pioneer spirit, of integrity and honesty and good will to his fellow man.

THE CALLAWAY FAMILIES

The Callaways came to this country from England before the Revolutionary War. Several of their members fought for Independence during the war. They settled in North Carolina but moved westward. The Callaways in Missouri came from Tennessee. Some were following Daniel Boone, whose mother was a Callaway.

John T. Callaway, Senior, and wife Sarah Hardin settled on land awarded by the Government which was then in Van Buren County. His descendants were: William Sanders, Joseph, John, Jr., James, Hugh, Rebecca (McReynolds), Judy, Malinda, Nancy (Webb).

John F. Callaway, Junior and wife Mary Cassandra Moore Morrow (1813-1873) were the parents of William Sanders Callaway. William at age 17 enlisted in the Southern Army (Civil War). He served under General Joe Shelby. He signed allegiance at the close of the war in Shreveport, La. and returned to Cass Co. His family had moved to Lafeyette County due to Order No. 11. They also returned in 1865.

William S. married Elizabeth Parker Wills on December 21, 1871. They were the parents of eight children, seven lived to adulthood. Their children were:

Cora Funk (Linneus) who moved from Cass Co. to Canada, Florida, then Fairhope, Alabama, where she passed away. She was the mother of four sons, Clyde, Harold, Joseph and William. Harold, Joseph and William reside in Fairhope. Clyde passed away in Phoenix, Ariz.

Lacy Wilson (LeRoy) who lived in Cass County until the time of her death. She was the mother of three children: Harold, Marguiete and Robert. Robert lives on the home place.

Mary Cassandra (Mollie), who married Walter A. Welborn. ly John Farrar, who married Ollie Belle (Dot) Welborn. Due to their nieces and nephews they were lovingly known as Uncle Bud and Aunt Dot. He was an early day merchant in Peculiar, when stores carried everything that rural people needed in their everyday life. They had two children who both died in infancy. They took into their home a five year old girl, Evelyn Means, now Mrs. Arthur R. Turner, Belton, Mo. and reared her as their daughter.

Taylor H. married Etta Hargis and they were the parents of two children, Edmona McDonald, who lives in Michigan, and Eugene who resides in Florida. Taylor was at one time Circuit Clerk of Cass County. He passed away in Jacksonville, Fla.

Thomas A. married Rose Theden. They were the parents of three children, Robert who passed away in the 40's, Clara Best (Everett) who lived in Kansas City until the death of her

mother when she moved in with her father to take care of him, Alice (Henry) who lives on a farm south of Peculiar, Mo.

Thomas A. was a County Judge in Cass County for 18 years. During that time he continued his prosperous farming operation, was President of the Cass County Bank, Peculiar.

William Sanders (Jr.) married Iona Powell. They were the parents of a son and daughter, the son passed away at an early age. The daughter Maxine (Nelson) makes a home for her mother. They reside in Collins, Mo.

William (Bill) was a farmer in Cass County but moved to Kansas City where he was a grain inspector until he retired.

Some additional information about William S. Callaway. He was a successful farmer. He was an early founder of Cass Co. working in the framework of the Democrat Party. He cast the deciding vote that sent C. C. Dickinson, Clinton to the U.S. Congress.

William S. was a Baptist which was true of many Callaways as there are 28 known Callaway Baptist ministers. He remained true to his faith until his death. His wife was a Methodist and she remained true to her conviction until her death, each attended their own church throughout their lifetime.

Descendants of John F. Junior residing in West Peculiar Township are Alice Henry, daughter of Thomas A., Robert Wilson, son of Lacy, Hallie Palmer, daughter of Mary Cassandra (Mollie), James Vernon, son of Hardin Callaway, son of Thomas, a nephew of John F. Jr.

CALVIN DAVID CAMPBELL

Calvin David Campbell was born 1819, Butlerville, Ind. In 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted and organized a company known as Company 1 of the 6th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned Capt., and later Col. He served under Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman through the south. While he was in the war his first wife died, leaving 3 children: Margaret Ann; Luther David and John Allen. Col. Campbell and his children came to Cass Co., Mo. in 1866.

Margaret Ann Campbell married Lewis Gates and lived near Garden City, Mo. Luther David Campbell never married, lived in Kansas City, Mo. John Allen Campbell married Mary Tomlin and lived in Cass Co.

In 1867 Col. Campbell married Sarah Fletcher Rupe of Warrensburg, Mo., daughter of a Methodist minister. They had 5 children: William Sherman; Laura Ellen; Sarah Alice; Lilla Juanita and Mary Florence. Col. Campbell had bought large acreages of land in Cass Co., and after his second marriage built a fine large home a mile from Garden City, Mo., where the children were born and the family lived until Col. Campbell's death in 1900. In 1902 Mrs. Campbell and daughter Mary Florence moved to St. Louis, Mo. then later to Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Campbell lived with her daughter until her death in 1933. Col. and Mrs. Campbell were buried in the Garden City Cemetery, he with military honors. They were founders of the Christian Church in Garden City, active in church work and entertained all visiting ministers and evangelists, were also active in civic and educational projects of the community, and enjoyed attending theatre and opera in Kansas City. When the family home burned, destroying many precious antiques, left were cherished memories of the good and happy life lived in this home.

William Sherman Campbell married Angela Withers of Index, Mo. They lived in St. Louis, Mo. where he was a corporation and trial lawyer. Both are deceased and buried in Oak Grove Mausoleum; Laura Ellen Campbell died age eight; Sarah Alice Campbell married George Cowgill of Butler, Mo. He was an officer in the Spanish American War, and they were stationed in Manila, P.I. and other places. Both are deceased and buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery; Lilla Juanita Campbell married Willis DeWitt Prewitt of Harrisonville, Mo. He was an educator in Nevada, Idaho and Denver, Colo. He died 1916 in Denver, was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery with Masonic honors. Mrs. Prewitt still lives in Denver; Mary Florence Campbell married Merriss H. Morlan of Creighton, Mo. He was a realtor in Denver, Colo., where he died 1967 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Morlan still lives in Denver.

HUGH CAMPBELL

Hugh and Maude (Ferguson) Campbell moved from Lebanon, Va. to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in Oct. 1909. He was the son of Joel R. and Nancy Campbell and she was the daughter of Wilson and Florence Ferguson. Hugh and Maude had two daughters — Gladys and Nellie.

Their first home in Pleasant Hill was the 'Old Stone College.' After several months, in the spring of 1910, the Campbell family moved to the C. K. Palmer farm southeast of town where Mr. Campbell was employed as a farm laborer for Mr. Palmer for approximately three years. They then moved to the R. Simpson farm (now owned by Simon Gray), where they resided several years. The two girls attended and graduated from Lone Star School and Pleasant Hill High School.

The Campbell family moved to Harrisonville, Mo. where Mr. Campbell was employed by an oil company. He died there in 1924. Mrs. Campbell, later Mrs. Charles Widder, died in Harrisonville, Mo. in 1973.

Nellie married Claude Hill, son of Sam and Katie Hill of Pleasant Hill. They had one daughter, Rosemary (Mrs. Jack D. Stewart) of Overland Park, Kans. who has two children, Ann and Doug. Nellie died in Aurora, Mo. in 1965.

Gladys was married to Cassie Lee Elliott, son of Dale and Altie Elliott of Pleasant Hill, and they had three children, Lloyd Hugh of Pleasant Hill, Mo., Helen Dale Bohannon of Port Orchard, Wash., and Nancy Lee Spriggs of Flagstaff, Ariz. Gladys, Mrs. C. C. Hedrick, resides in Port Orchard, Wash.

Lloyd and his wife, Fern Ann (Terril) have five children — Karen (Mrs. Jay Bunch) of Pleasant Hill who has one daughter, Carrie; Linda (Mrs. Doug Kruse) of Richmond, Mo.; Dale, Dennis, and Loraine of Pleasant Hill.

Helen and her husband, Lawrence Bohannon, have four children, Cheryl Aquino, who has two sons, Brad and Hosea; Barbara, Steve and Connie of the home. Nancy and Keith Spriggs have five children: Cindy, Kathleen, Philip, Jesse and Ginger.

SIGEL ANDREW CANTRELL

Sigel Andrew Cantrell was born 4 July 1861, Webster Co., Mo., died 14 July 1931, Cass Co., Mo., buried Austin Cemetery. He married first 22 Sept. 1881 Elizabeth C. Simon born 22 Sept. 1857, died 29 Dec. 1893, Henry Co., Mo., buried Montrose Cemetery; married second 1894 Mary Drusilla (Simon) Kennedy, sister of his first wife, born 31 Jan. 1855, died 10 Mar. 1941, buried Austin Cemetery.

Sigel Andrew[7] Cantrell, 7th generation of his known Cantrell ancestry in this country, was son of Robert Tate[6] and Lucinda (Duncan) Cantrell of Webster Co., Mo., who was son of Gabriel[5] and Nancy (Smith) Cantrell of McMinn Co., Tenn., she and children going to Dade and Webster Cos., Mo. after her husband's death 1849, who was son of Thomas[4] and Elizabeth (Norris) Cantrell of Pa., Greenville Dist., S.C., DeKalb and McMinn Co., Tenn., who was son of John[3] Cantrell and his first wife of Pa. and S.C., who was son of Joseph[2] and Catharina Cantril of New Castle Co., Pa. (now Del.), who was son of Richard[1] Cantril of Philadelphia, Pa. prior to 1689 and his wife Dorothy Jones.

Sigel Andrew Cantrell and his first wife had 6 children and he and his second wife had one son. The children were: Simon Hampton born 13 July 1882, died 23 Nov. 1971; Val Andrew born 22 Feb. 1884, died 24 Apr. 1960; Robert Watson born 14 Mar. 1886, died 10 Dec. 1966; Mary Catherine born 28 Sept. 1888, died 10 Dec. 1958; Nancy Lucinda born 14 Dec. 1890; John Russell born 19 Apr. 1893, died 5 Aug. 1957; and Silas Abner.

Silas Abner Cantrell was born 31 Dec. 1895, Henry Co., Mo., died 28 May 1975, buried Cresent Hill Cemetery, Cresent Hill, Mo. He married 28 Feb. 1915, Pawnee Co., Okla., Hattie Fidlia Hestand, daughter of Finis and Martha Hestand, who died 19 Mar. 1975 at their home in Austin, Mo., buried Cresent Hill Cemetery. They had 8 children: Mildred Gertrude born 18 Nov. 1916; Winfred Russell born 5 May 1919; Raymond Lee born 6 June 1921; Dorothy May born 10 Sept. 1923; Emmette Dade; Betty Alene born 2 Nov. 1927; William Eugene born 6 Oct. 1929; and Margie Faye born 6 Aug. 1939.

Emmette Dade Cantrell was born 27 Oct. 1925, Austin, Mo. He married 8 Aug. 1947 Dorsella Dean Endecott, daughter of Roy Benjamin and Edna Pearl Endecott. They had 3 children: Sheryl Sue born 28 Aug. 1948; Gary Dale; and Emmette Greg born 3 May 1953.

Gary Dale Cantrell was born 28 Aug. 1951, Butler, Mo. He married 7 Sept. 1973 Denise Lea Westhoff, daughter of Allen and Nadine Westhoff. They have a son Gabriel Leon Cantrell born 1 Mar. 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Carter, John and Janie.

GEORGE C. CARTER

George C. Carter and Margaret Isabell Stark were married May 22, 1888, in Greenfield, Illinois. As a young man he was a telegrapher and station agent in Rockbridge, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. They made their home in Creighton for 24 years where he was in business with his father. After his father's death, Mr. and Mrs. Carter operated a large mercantile business. Mr. Carter was a traveling salesman for the Huiskamp Shoe Company of Keokuk, Iowa, for 14 years and Cashier of the Bank of Creighton for three years. While Mr. Carter was traveling, the store in Creighton was managed by Mrs. Carter, assisted by their two sons and grandmother Carter. The family moved to Chino, California, in 1912, returned in 1913, and moved to Harrisonville in 1914, where they purchased the Hartzler and Ziegler General Merchandise Store. In 1934 Mr. Carter made his son John a full partner in the business. They closed out the stock of general merchandise, and in 1937 purchased the stock of goods owned by the Halcomb and Craig Clothing Company.

Mr. Carter was a great lover of all sports, but outstanding was his love for baseball. This is attributed to the fact that he was a catcher for the St. Louis Browns in his early manhood.

Margaret Isabelle Stark was born in Greenfield, Illinois, January 30, 1866. She died in Harrisonville. Her brother, Johnathan Barber Stark, was born in Greenfield October 18, 1858. Their parents were Johnathan M. Stark, born December 30, 1820, died August 19, 1876, and Catherine Rebecca Barber Stark, born in Onondaga County, New York, March 27, 1820, and died in Creighton, December 17, 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were the parents of four children: Frances Dean, born August 24, 1889, died April 29, 1922; John Victor, born July 15, 1891; George Leon, born December 7, 1895, died July 27, 1896; Rita Catherine, born July 31, 1899. The family were all active members of the Christian Church and were baptized together in a large baptismal service in Knob Creek south of Creighton.

Frances Dean (Frank) married Evelyn Streiff of Clinton, Missouri. They made their home in Clinton. During World War I he was a member of the 67th Balloon Co., Camp John Wise, Texas. He married second Celestine Argenbright of Kansas City and they resided in Harrisonville where he was employed in his father's store. He died in Harrisonville April 29, 1922.

John Victor and Fern Jackson were married January 19, 1924. They are the parents of one daughter, Martha Jane, who married Donald Lause and had one son, John William Lause. John is a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Rainbow Division which went overseas in 1917. He was stationed in southern France for 17 months. After returning home he resumed his work in the store with his father. After becoming a full partner, John assumed management of the store.

Rita Catherine married Joel Robert Ewing July 22, 1925. They have made their home in Harrisonville for over fifty years. They are the parents of George Carter Ewing, born August 23, 1930, who married Bonnie Lou McKitrick February 20, 1954, and have two sons, David Robert, born November 17, 1955 and Richard Daniel, born April 7, 1957. Carter is Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Plaza Savings Association.

The Ewing family are all members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Harrisonville.

JOHN T. CARTER

John T. Carter was born in Adams County, Illinois, April 3, 1832, died November 2, 1900, in Creighton, Missouri, and is buried in Grant Cemetery. Mr. Carter was a Master Mason and his funeral was conducted by Wadesburg Lodge No. 348. He was known for being jovial, generous and free hearted. As a well known citizen of Cass County, Mr. Carter was honored by all who knew him.

His father, William Carter, was born in Kentucky. He had three brothers, Jessie, Marion and George (Doc) and four sisters, Sarah, Mary, Lucinda and Aliza.

Minerva Jane Daniel, wife of John Carter, was born December 20, 1836, in Crittenden, Kentucky, died August 20, 1926, in Harrisonville. Her father was John Thomas and his brothers were Robert and Travis. Her grandfather was Charles Daniels. Her mother's maiden name was Massie. The Daniel family came to Missouri when Minerva was six years old and returned to Kentucky when she was eleven years old. Minerva had seven brothers, Charles, Louis, George Washington, Peter Massie, James Henry, Frances Marion and Steve Barker; and three sisters, Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Melvina. One of Minerva's brothers, Peter Massie, fought in the War of 1812.

John T. and Minerva were married in LaGrange, Illinois, October 18, 1856. They were the parents of four children, Alonzo, Julia, Elizabeth and George C.

Alonzo H., born July 11, 1858, died April 20, 1930, married Jennie Fischer in Hardin, Illinois, in 1882. They were the parents of two daughters, Nina Carter Fuller and Cuba Minerva Carter Tureman. Alonzo had one son by a second marriage. His last known address was Gallup, New Mexico. Alonzo fought in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Julia was born January 19, 1860, died May 21, 1862.

Elizabeth was born February 20, 1862, died June 30, 1886. She married William E. Berry, January 8, 1883. They were the parents of one son, Straight Berry, who was reared in the home of his grandparents and grew to young manhood in Creighton. He had one daughter, Elizabeth, born December 21, 1911, died November 5, 1968.

John T. and Minerva Carter, with their son, George (see sketch) and his family moved to Creighton in 1888, when the town was three years old. The father and son engaged in the grain business and later started a mercantile business.

THOMAS HERBERT CARTER

Thomas Herbert Carter, born in Jacksonville, Illinois December 4, 1916, son of Sylvester Joy and Annie Hopper Carter. T. Herbert Carter and Katherine Elizabeth Hills, (born September 19, 1917 in Litchfield, Ill., daughter of Richard Clark and Eula Story Hills), were married in Jacksonville on September 28, 1940. Ebeneezer Carter, (son of Ebeneezer Carter, 4th generation of Samuel Carter of England, Deerfield 1685, Norwalk 1704, and Canaan parish 1722), and Rhoda Weed, was born in 1797 in Fairfield County, Connecticut. He married Eliza Weed and in 1834 they and their family emigrated to Illinois.

The oldest of their three children was William Chauncey, born in Fairfield, Conn. April 2, 1820 died 1896. He was graduated from Illinois College in 1845 and on November 19, 1846 married Julia Ann Wolcott, daughter of Elihu and Julia Wolcott of Morgan County, Ill. The Wolcott family came by wagon overland from East Windsor, Conn. and arrived November 5, 1830. The household goods, shipped by boat to St. Louis, arrived the following spring. Julia was one of the first of two graduates of Jacksonville Female Academy. Her father was also one of the organizers of the Congregational Church and in 1853 was president and helped organize a club which was the first organization in the United States to espouse principles later adopted by the Republican Party. The Wolcott family played a brave part in the Abolitionist Movement and the Underground Railroad.

The oldest of nine children of Wm. Chauncey and Julia Wolcott Carter was Samuel Wolcott Carter, born April 20, 1849. In 1876, he married Hannah Joy, daughter of Sylvester and Charlotte Joy. She was born in Morgan County, Ill. November 15, 1854. Both died in 1922. They settled on a farm on Joy Prairie and raised three children: Ernest born February 12, 1877, died unmarried in 1919, Sylvester Joy (1880-1939) and Samuel Wilford (1893-1968). The latter two brothers were graduated from the University of Toronto School of Veterinary Medicine, and practiced together in Jacksonville.

Samuel Wilford married Eylla Sibert and they were parents of the following children: Robert Wilford, born March 5, 1821; Evelyn Leslie (1923-1931) and Julian Blake, born Dec. 25, 1937.

Sylvester Joy Carter married Annie Hopper (1888-1943) in 1911 and they were parents of three children: Frances Joy, Mildred Louise and Thomas Hebert. Frances Joy Carter, born November 14, 1911, married July 20, 1939 Elmer Howard Brooks (1909-1976). Frances lived in Cass Co., Mo. for about four years in the 1930's, keeping house for her uncles, John and Sam Hopper.

Mildred Louise Carter (born February 22, 1913), married on November 4, 1938 Raymond J. Shanle (born 1909). They are parents of three children: Thomas, who married Marsha Brown and they have two children, Damon and Maria.

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Thomas and wife are Attorneys at Law and reside in Santa Cruz, California. Margaret Ann married Robert R. Rieman and they have two children, Katherine Rae and Marla Joy. Robert works for General Motors and they reside in Kirkwood, Mo. William Joseph is manager of "The Pier," a steak and seafood restaurant, Des Moines, Iowa.

Thomas Herbert Carter, born December 4, 1916, married September 28, 1940 Katherine Hills (born September 19, 1917), daughter of R. Clark and Eula Story Hills. They are parents of two sons: Herbert Ray and Thomas William. Herbert Ray was born July 22, 1943 in Jacksonville, Ill. He is a graduate of University of Missouri at Columbia and a captain in the United States Army. After two tours of duty as a helicopter pilot and flight commander in Vietnam, he holds two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and 66 awards of the Air Medal. He was married July 6, 1968 to Virginia Lee Kamberg, born October 9, 1945, daughter of Roy and Virginia Lumary Kamberg. They are parents of two children: Matthew Lee, born March 15, 1971 and Melinda Rae, born October 28, 1973. Thomas William, born April 11, 1957 in Harrisonville, Mo. is a student at Southwestern State University of Missouri in Springfield, Mo.

T. Herbert Carter moved his family to Cass County, Mo. in 1946 after being honorably discharged from the United States Navy at the end of World War II. He entered into farming operation with his uncles, Sam and John Hopper, and continued farming until 1970. Since August 1969 he has been an employee of the Federal Government with the Department of Agriculture.

WALTER F. CARTER

Four children were born to Walter F. and Tidwell Carter of Olathe, Walter being the youngest. He attended school in Olathe and entered the grocery business. He has worked for the Milgram Stores of Kansas City for many years.

Florice was one of the four children of the late Earle and Olive King of Raymore. She moved to Kansas City in 1937 and she and Walter Carter were married on July 24, 1939. They have two children.

Kay Marlene was born in Kansas City, Kansas in 1941 and is married to James D. McMillan, the son of a Presbyterian minister in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. They live in Prospect Heights, Illinois and have two children, Janet Kay and James Carter McMillan.

Roger Carter was born at Dr. Robbins Hospital in Peculiar in 1946. He is employed at the First National Bank in Kansas City.

Florice has been an employee of Sears, Roebuck and Co. for thirteen years. In 1966 Walter and Florice moved to Peculiar where they had built a new home for their future retirement. Walter, Florice and Roger are members of the Methodist Church in Peculiar.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Catron.

HERBERT HADLEY CATRON

Herbert Hadley Catron was born Oct. 11, 1908, Ballard, Mo., and married May 14, 1933 Lena Marie Mucke who was born Feb. 25, 1912, Johnstown, Mo.

After their marriage they lived with his parents in Montrose, Mo. for a year then moved to Germantown for 1½ years, where they operated a 1 pump filling station in front of their house. In 1935 they moved to Belton, Mo., living first on the Spies farm south of Belton and 6 months later moving to the King Farm which is now Richards Gebaur Air Base. They worked at the King Farm, then a year and a half later they moved to the George Brothers farm where they farmed 50/50 with the George Brothers for 4 years, then moved back to the King Farm for 2 years, until notice that the King Farm was to be sold and they then moved to Lee's Summit for 2 years. In Feb. 1949 they returned to Belton and bought their present home, at 517 S. Cedar. The first year in their new home they farmed what is now called Lacy Estates in Belton, then in 1950 started a garage, the Belton Garage & Body Shop, on Commercial St. Eventually they started selling appliances at the garage and in 1952 moved to Main St. and started Catron Appliance. A few years later they began selling furniture and renamed the business Catron Furniture and Appliance Co. During this period they also owned a store at Truman Corners for 2 years. In Jan. 1974 they sold the business. In Apr. 1975 Herb Catron ran for Mayor of Belton and won. Since then he has been involved in the improvement of Belton. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, and Lions Club. Lena Catron currently drives a bus for Harmon and Sons in Belton, and has driven a school bus for 12 years.

Herbert and Lena Catron have 3 children: William Herbert Catron born Aug. 13, 1951, married Feb. 1974 Deborah Robinson, lives in Belton, is currently employed by Equifax Inc.; Jo Ann Catron born June 25, 1953, married Aug. 1974 Steven Jefferson Rogers of Lee's Summit. She is currently employed by The Prudential Insurance Co. and lives in Grandview, Mo.; Karen Sue Catron born Feb. 7, 1956, married June 1974 Stephen Glen Galloway of Butler. She is currently employed by The Prudential Insurance Co. and lives in Kansas City.

WELLMAN DEAN CHAFFIN

Wellman Dean Chaffin, son of Doctor and Mrs. Clara (Lightcap) Chaffin married Mary Mae Small, daughter of William and Mary Small, on May 21, 1919 at Triplett, Mo. They were the parents of twins, Nadine and Maxine, Marjorie Jean Chaffin Reid, wife of C. Wayne Reid, and Dorothy Dean Chaffin Curtis, wife of Edgar E. Curtis. The twins died soon after birth and Mae Small Chaffin died in May, 1968.

This couple spent nearly all their married life in the Raymore Community. Marjorie Reid resides near Peculiar now, and Dorothy and her husband are teachers in the Kansas City schools.

There are four grandchildren. Charles Reid and John Chaffin Reid both of Peculiar, Steven Curtis of Columbia, Mo., and Mary Dee Curtis of Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chancellor and family.

ELINOR ANN LEIMKUHLER CHANCELLOR

Elinor Ann Leimkuhler Chancellor, born August 23, 1933, at Harrisonville, daughter of Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler and Alice Belle Peterson Leimkuhler. Elinor graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1951 and began working as a secretary in the law firm of Crouch & Crouch until her marriage. On July 4, 1954, she married Andrew Floyd Chancellor, Jr., born November 5, 1934, son of Andrew Floyd Chancellor and Anna Florence Rush Chancellor. Andrew was born in Kansas City, Kansas and graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1952. He entered the U.S. Army in June, 1953, and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant from Officer's Candidate School in June, 1954. After their marriage, they resided at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where Andrew was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and discharged in June, 1956. Elinor and Andrew had three children: Patricia Ann, born March 20, 1957; Andrew Charles, born March 25, 1959; and Kenneth Norman, born August 1, 1962. Patricia graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1975 and is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency in Kansas City. Patricia and her father, Andrew, are both members of the Missouri Army National Guard. Elinor and Andrew are are both members of the First Christian Church of Harrisonville.

JAMES CHANDLER

James and Elizabeth (Cannon) Chandler were pioneer farmers in Cass County in 1867 in Peculiar Township, moving to Pleasant Hill in 1917. James passed away Apr. 27, 1923 at the age of 91 and Elizabeth on May 16, 1923 at age 80. They were buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, she being taken there by horse-drawn hearse at her request. To this union 2 children were born; Adeliza Jane on Nov. 13, 1868 and died unmarried on Mar. 20, 1947; Joe Brook Chandler was born Dec. 13, 1870 and died Nov. 24, 1961.

Joe Brook Chandler married Ida Dell Lee on Dec. 8, 1901. She died Jan. 21, 1953 and was buried in Netawaka, Kansas in the Lee family lot. To this union 4 children were born. Charlotte Ellen was born Oct. 6, 1902. She married Richard Allen Bills on Apr. 14, 1927. He died May 8, 1971 in Harrisonville and was buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Charlotte "Lottie" worked as a nurse's aide many years. There were no living children.

L to R: Robert Lee Chandler, Josephine Chandler Wagner, Charlotte Chandler Bills, Ruth Chandler George.

Ruth Lillian Chandler was born Apr. 5, 1905, graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1923 and from Spalding Business College in 1925. She married Robert Thomas George July 30, 1927. Ruth worked most of her married life and completed 20½ years at Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Kansas City. There were 3 children born to her: Robert Lee George was born May 15, 1928. He served in Navy 2 years and has worked in heavy excavating. On Feb. 6, 1953 he married Juanita (Sheridan) Craigg of Independence, Mo. She had a son, Rodney Bruce, whom Robert adopted. A son was born to them, Robert Alan, on Apr. 26, 1954. James Carl George was born Mar. 13, 1930. He served 2 years in Army in Korea. On

June 13, 1954 he married Ethel May Fitchner of Kansas City. They have 3 children: James Edward, born Dec. 9, 1956, Daniel Carl, born Sept. 24, 1960 and Kimberly May, born Oct. 21, 1967. Roberta Estelle George was born May 30, 1936 and married Hugh Allen Patterson on Mar. 4, 1956. They had two children, Bruce Allen, born Apr. 30, 1962, and Julia Lynn on Sept. 8, 1969.

Robert Lee Chandler was born Aug. 27, 1909 in a house that stood where Santa Claus now stands at Christmas Tree Lane farm in Cass County. He served in the Navy and married Thelma (Vails) Sweeney at Pasco, Washington in Aug. 1943. She died when daughter, Thelma Josephine, was born on July 9, 1947. He later married Nellie (Bailey) Stone on Nov. 27, 1964 and now lives in Kent, Washington. He has been a carpenter most of his life. Thelma married James Shaw on May 27, 1967. They live in Surge Narrows, British Columbia, Canada. Born to them were daughters, Heather Fawn on Sept. 16, 1969 and Amber Genevieve on Mar. 22, 1975.

Josephine Dell Chandler was born Jan. 31, 1918 and married Edward M. Wagner on June 25, 1946. Josephine has been an artist all her life and a Licensed Practical Nurse since 1970. They have 3 children. Norma Marie was born Oct. 3, 1952 and married Joseph Eugene Spear on Dec. 13, 1975. She is a Registered Nurse. Gerard Edward Wagner was born Sept. 9, 1953 and Richard Lee Wagner was born Dec. 26, 1954.

I. H. CHANDLER

The Chandler family has lived in Cass County, Sherman Township (Sect. 34) on the same acres since 1870 when Mr. I. H. Chandler (1837-1915) and Mrs. Emily Hilliard Chandler (1840-1915) came to Missouri from Medina County, Ohio. They established their home on 370 acres. Here they reared their family of four: Robert H., Lura N., Jennie L. and Roy A. All but Robert lived their entire lives in this home.

Mr. Roy A. Chandler (1880-1960) and wife Effie Gregg Chandler (1886-1967) were also the parents of two sons and two daughters; Ruby (Allbritten), Leona (Harris), George I., and H. Gene. They, as well as their parents, attended the rural school known as Greasy, District #2, located at the northeast corner of the farm. Marriages and vocations eventually took three of this family away from Cass County.

Mr. H. Gene Chandler carries on the tradition of passing the inheritance from father to son and now owns the majority of the original acres.

He and his wife Pauline Estep Chandler live there presently. They have two daughters, Paulette and Cynthia and a son, Glenn.

Although ways of life, community living, school systems, public roads and utilities have changed greatly, five generations of Chandlers frequently gathered at "Home" to enjoy family treasures, the big old house (now well past the 100 year mark), the barn (a local landmark built in 1886), the productive fields and the beauty of Missouri woodlands.

HANS CHRISTIANSEN

Hans Christiansen, son of Christian and Dorothea Hansen Christiansen, was born 26 Feb. 1859, Kragelund, Denmark, died 14 Mar. 1928 near Archie, Mo. He married 14 Mar. 1884 Mathilda Sorensen born in Sebbersund, Denmark, who died 27 July 1931. Both are buried in Cresent Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Mo.

Mr. Christiansen came to this country 1877, settling near Harlan, Ia. In a few years he went back to Denmark and returned with his younger brother Michael. As soon as they were able they brought the rest of the family, parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, to this country. It was on one of his trips Mr. Christiansen met his future wife. They moved from Iowa to a farm just E. of Archie, Mo., 1 Mar. 1904. At age 20 he had united with the Altamont Danish Baptist Church of Harlan, Ia. After moving to Archie he became a member of the Archie Baptist Church and was made a deacon. His wife had belonged to a Baptist Church in Denmark since age 16, moved her membership to the Altamont Danish Baptist Church then to the Archie Baptist Church.

Hans and Mathilda Christiansen had 10 children: Christian Edward born 3 July 1885, died 24 Nov. 1970; Mary Lydia born 26 July 1886; Charles Halford born 22 Dec. 1887, died 1 Nov. 1967; Anna Sadie born 21 June 1889; Harry born Mar. 1891, died 17 May 1893; Charlotte born May 1893, died 25 Dec. 1893; Charlotte Fredricka born 2 Oct. 1894, died 17 Mar. 1961; Harry William born 21 June 1896; Earl Arnold born 30 Aug. 1898, died 15 Oct. 1965; Alton Devern born 21 Dec. 1902.

Alton Devern Christiansen was reared on the farm E. of Archie, Mo. where he still lives. He attended the Archie schools and has been an active member in the Archie Baptist Church, ordained a deacon. He married 19 Dec. 1934 Thelma George, daughter of Harvey and Carrie (Longwell) George, of the Archie community. She lived and received her education in St. Louis, Mo., is a graduate of the Maronola School of Cosmetology, a member of the Archie Baptist Church, of the Butler Chapter of the O.E.S. serving as organist for many years, of the Mary Sibly Chapter DAR and has been active in many affairs of the Archie community. Their children are: Dorothy May born 16 Feb. 1936, died 22 Feb. 1936; Mildred Elaine born 8 Mar. 1937 and Harold Devern born 8 Feb. 1941.

JOSEPH C. CHRISTOPHER

Joseph C. Christopher and America Bryant were married in Lexington, Kentucky in 1837. In 1850 with their six children they moved to Missouri. They came by boat to Independence. While enroute their boat struck a snag in the river and they barely escaped with their lives. They settled on a farm about a mile south of the Jackson County line where six more children were born to them. All twelve of their children grew to maturity.

Mr. Christopher, who had been a member of the Kentucky legislature, was greatly interested in politics. When the Civil War broke out he became a Union sympathizer. Because of his opinions, which he discussed very heatedly at times, his wife realized that he was making enemies.

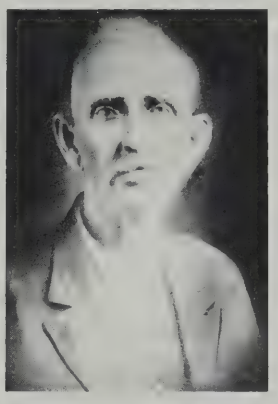
On the night of January 22, 1862, about nine o'clock there was a knock at the door. The father and mother, whose bed was in the living room, had retired and the trundle bed, which had been pulled out from beneath it, was occupied by the small children. The knock was answered by one of the older sons. A band of men (Bushwackers) entered and commanded the family who had risen, to be seated while they ransacked the house. Mr. Christopher asked the men by what authority they came. Without a moment's warning the command to fire was given and Mr. Christopher, shot through the temple, fell to the floor dead. America Christopher with a three month old babe in her arms, witnessed the assassination of her husband. As their father fell the sons jumped from their chairs; the man who had shot the father whirled and shot George Kiene Christopher and knocked down another brother, who fell across the trundle bed. When the assassin tried to stab him, the boy pulled the man's whiskers and he desisted. The house was pillaged, winter's provisions, clothing and the horses were taken. No one was permitted to leave the house until an hour after the tragedy. Then the nearest neighbor came to the aid of the family.

Dr. John Bryant, in Independence, was sent for and arriving the next day, amputated the two fingers of the son George Kiene, who was wounded and removed the bullet from his breast. Arrangements were then made for removal of the family to Independence. Dr. Bryant took the wounded boy and two of his brothers in a sleigh to the Doctor's house. On the way he was stopped by a posse of Quantrell's band,; but Dr. Bryant, being a southern man, was allowed to proceed after he explained what had happened. Joseph Collins Christopher was buried in the Independence Cemetery. William Clark Christopher (1840-1926) married Mary B. Warren (-1914) and moved to Pleasant Hill, Mo., where they lived for several years. In 1883 Mr. Christopher purchased a lot on East Pearl Street, Harrisonville, and built the house, which was occupied continuously by the Christopher family until the death of Laura B. Christopher April 8, 1976. Mr. Christopher for a number of years owned and operated a dry goods store on the north side of the square in Harrisonville.

William Clark Christopher and Mary B. Christopher had the following children:

1. J. Warren Christopher, born Aug. 1, 1868 — died Feb. 14, 1888. 2. Mary Emma Christopher, born July 14, 1870. Her son is Harry R. Pearson, Jr., born Aug. 2, 1901, married Oct. 11, 1925 Ruth Burney and had Harry R. Pearson III, born Feb. 15, 1928. 3. Katherine B. Christopher, born Apr. 19, 1873 — died Oct. 30, 1925, married Dec. 12, 1894 Daniel R. Ewing, died Mar. 8, 1899. Their children: Clark Christopher Ewing, born Dec. 4, 1895 married Oct. 15, 1923 Hazel Robinson and had Jean Ewing, born Aug. 10, 1924 and Nancy Ewing, born Oct. 27, 1931; Joel R. Ewing, born Feb. 9, 1898, married July 22, 1925 Rita Carter and had George Carter Ewing, born Aug. 23, 1930. 4. Harry C. Christopher, born June 19, 1876 — died April 19, 1877. 5. Virginia S. Christopher, born March 30, 1879, married Oct. 23, 1906 Earl E. Webber, and had Edward E. Webber, born Sept. 9, 1910. 6. Bessie L. Christopher, born Dec. 25, 1882 — died Dec. 28, 1963, married Aug. 23, 1905 Delmar K. Hall and had Elizabeth Hall, born Feb. 20, 1909, married Robert Flarsheim and Mary Lue Hall, born Nov. 10, 1911, married Edward Bolling. 7. Laura B. Christopher, born Feb. 14, 1886 — died April 8, 1976.

ROBERT McCULLOCH CLAWSON



In search of the good land he heard was available in Cass County, Robert McCulloch Clawson (born Sept. 27, 1858; died Dec. 2, 1939), farmer and stockman, came to Polk Township in 1901 and purchased land from the Nichols and Farrell families, enlarged the house where he lived with his family until his death when the house and major holdings were sold to Dean Long. R. M. Clawson, son of Jesse and Catherine Clawson and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Hunt, (born May 21, 1860; died Oct. 18, 1907), daughter of William Berry Hunt from Kentucky and Sarah Boswell, were natives of Cooper County where Mary Hunt's homeplace at Pisgah has been in continuous occupation by the Hunts since 1857. The Clawsons came to Strasburg by train bringing a maiden sister, Catherine Clawson (born 1860; died 1920), their children Fred, Mildred Elizabeth, Robert Boswell, William Jesse, Sarah Catherine, Frank Oakman and Parks Bland, and their possessions. Their eighth child, Lulu Velma, was born in Polk Township. Mary Clawson died when Lulu was four years old and R. M. Clawson continued to maintain his home and keep his family together.

Mildred (born Jan. 8, 1884; died Jan. 21, 1969), who married John A. Lyons (born Feb. 14, 1881; died April 23, 1957) was one of four who spent their lives in Polk Township. Their son, Robert Rochelle (born April 29, 1908) was born on their homestead, which was a part of the William T. "General" Lyons estate, continues to farm this property. R. R. Lyons married Thelma Wilburn (born Feb. 9, 1908) June 25, 1931 and has a son, R. R. Lyons, Jr. (born Jan. 9, 1933) and a daughter, Mrs. Eldon (Glenda) Hoots (born Aug. 14, 1935). R. R. Lyons served four years as Collector of Polk Township. He was Deacon of Strasburg Union Church from 1951 until 1954 when he became an Elder. R. R. Lyons, Jr., who has worked at Bendix since returning from military service, and Maryland Reed (born Aug. 13, 1939) were married May 25, 1957 and with their daughters, Cheryle (born March 17, 1958) and Linda (born May 15, 1960) make their home in Strasburg in the home originally built by Dr. R. W. Collins.

Lifetime farmer, William Jesse (born Nov. 18, 1886; died Oct. 25, 1951), married Jane West, daughter of William H. and Amanda Jane West on January 29, 1908. They had one daughter, Mrs. J. Franklin (Marguerite) Frazier (born May 13, 1909), one grandson, William Franklin Frazier, and two great-grandchildren. Jesse served twenty years as Assessor of Polk Township.

Sarah Catherine (born Feb. 27, 1895; died July 5, 1961) married O. E. Randol (born Nov. 26, 1896) of Creighton and their only child, Lois Jean, died in infancy. For over a quarter century they operated the Strasburg telephone exchange.

Parks Bland (born Jan. 17, 1898; died Dec. 17, 1970) married Nettie Maude Moore (born Aug. 31, 1906) on September 1, 1924 and brought his bride to his family home where they farmed and reared their sons, Robert Jesse (born Sept. 2, 1925) and William Bland (born Dec. 14, 1930). In 1939 they purchased the farm originally titled to Dr. R. W. Collins west of Strasburg. Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II, returning to the pursuit of farmer-stockman. He has also been a supervisor at Remington Arms, Inc. since 1951. June 29, 1951 he married Gwylyn Virginia George (born Oct. 5, 1928). They purchased land formerly owned by H. M. Hall and established Homeplace Farm for their daughters, Mrs. Steven M. (Cara Lynne) Day (born April 24, 1952) and Cathleen Clawson (born July 16, 1955) and grandson, Travis Martin Day (born March 13, 1971). Robert served eighteen years on the Strasburg School Board, fourteen years as Polk Township Assessor and four years as Trustee of Polk Township and on the Cass County School Board, Road Commission, Zoning Board and Library Board. He is a member of the V.F.W., Masonic Order, Bayard Commandry, Royal Arch, Ararat Shrine and charter member of the Cass County Shrine Club. William served in the U.S. Air Force and has been employed at Bendix Corporation and J. R. Prewitt and Sons. He and his wife, Barbara Wright (born March 4, 1936) were married July 5, 1959 and make their home in Pleasant Hill. William is a member of V.F.W., Masonic Order, Bayard Commandry, Royal Arch, Ararat Shrine, and Cass County Shrine Club.

Two great-grandsons of R. M. Clawson, grandsons of Fred (1880-1950), sons of Harold (1903-1961), John Alvin and Donald Dean established their homes in Cass County. On April 8, 1966, John married Marilyn Lewis of Cleveland where they purchased a rural home. He has two children, Jill Marie and Brian Scott. Donald and Barbara Isabella Gopsill, of New Jersey were married October 11, 1964 and with their sons, Donald Dean, Jr. and Thomas Michael, have their home in Harrisonville.

HAZEL GNELL KOHLER CLEGG

Hazel Gnell Kohler was born March 13, 1924, at the farm home 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, daughter of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler.

She was married on March 7, 1943, at Enid, Oklahoma, to Stephen John Clegg, born January 12, 1918, at Holden, son of Stephen Robert Clegg and Pearl Craig Clegg of Blairstown, Missouri.

Hazel and Stephen John were the parents of three sons: Stephen John Clegg, Jr., born September 2, 1944, at Enid, Oklahoma; Donald Eugene Clegg, born August 26, 1945, at Waco, Texas; and Kent Lee Clegg, born March 2, 1952, at Gardner, Kansas.

Hazel attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1943.

Stephen John attended Urich High School and has been employed with the Union Gas System, Inc. for 30 years at Olathe, Kansas, where the family now resides.

Stephen John, Jr. was married on March 28, 1970, at White City, Kansas, to Karen Kay Kohler, born January 7, 1949, at Junction City, Kansas, the daughter of John Emil Kohler and Delores Maxine Letkeman Kohler. Stephen John, Jr. is coordinator for the Shawnee Mission West High School District. Karen Kay received her degree in law from Kansas University in 1975 and is employed in the office of the Attorney General for the State of Kansas. They presently live in Overland Park, Kansas.

Donald Eugene was married on December 26, 1964, at Olathe, Kansas, to Merry Jane Uphaus, born July 31, 1944, at Spring Hill, Kansas, the daughter of Arthur Uphaus and Mattie Velma Krey Uphaus. To this union were born two sons, Barry Dean, born November 4, 1970, at Norman, Oklahoma, and Bryan Eugene, born January 6, 1974, at Ottawa, Kansas. Donald Eugene and Merry Jane are both graduates of Bethany College at Bethany, Oklahoma, where Merry Jane majored in music. Donald Eugene received his Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma at Norman and is now teaching mathematics in Ottawa High School, where they now live.

SARAH LOUISA CLEMENT

Sarah Louisa Clement, the only daughter of Wm. L. Clement and Beddie (Dalton) Clement both natives of Grainger County, Tenn. Wm. L. Clement was the son of Nathan Clement and Louisa (Davis) Clement, natives of Tenn. Beddie (Dalton) Clement was the daughter of John Dalton and Eliza (Allen) Dalton both natives of Tenn.

Sarah Louisa Clement had seven brothers, Nelson Virgil, Hugh Valen, Fred Hubert, Charley, Louis Edward, Luther Howard and John Nathan Clement. She moved to Cass County from Tenn. in 1916 with her family. She attended Union Hall School Dist. No. 36 south of Harrisonville and graduated and then attended Caster Beauty Academy in Kansas City, Mo. She was employed as a beauty operator in Harrisonville until 1954, when Louisa Clement and Ida Cummins started in business as Ida and Lou Beauty Shoppe. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Harrisonville, Mo.

DAVID M. CLENDENEN

The Glendinnings of Dumfries, Scotland were of the Douglas Clan. A small group, who were given Tartan and land due to an important botanical discovery. Three of the men came to America and settled near Pittsburgh, Penn. Eventually the name changed to Clendenen. David Clendenen was born in 1804 and died Jan. 9, 1864. He married Nancy Elizabeth Barr, born June 30, 1811 and died May 13, 1902. They were both born in Westmoreland Co. David was a cooper, an important trade at that time.

When the Emigrant Company formed a group to come to Raymore about 1872, Nancy came with her family. Nancy lived to be 91. She had borne nine children, four had married Funks. They were Elizabeth, John B., Nancy Realura born Nov. 9, 1850, David M. and Robert Ross, with whom she lived. The writer does not have the names of the other four.

Nancy's son, David M., wrote a letter from Washington State, where he lived with his daughter, Florence, to the Editor of the Cass County Democrat as follows: "I with my brother, left the old Keystone State (Penn.) in 1869, and settled in Raymore Twp., when the town of Raymore was not there and the land was all wild prairie. Then came the railroad and with it our esteemed friend Major Lee Glandon, as agent, and our pioneer store keeper, T. B. Hanna. Then came our beloved physician, Dr. Lafe Gray, who would come at our call, day or night. Soon a host of others came and now the land is all occupied." David M. had two daughters, they were Anna Realura and Florence.

Eventually John B. Clendenen and his family moved to the State of Washington. He had four children, Frank, John, David and Grace. Daniel Funk and his wife, Elizabeth Clendenen Funk, moved to Kansas. Their three children were John, Grace and David.

Robert Ross Clendenen, born Dec. 28, 1848, married Josephine Morrow born in 1854. They were married Dec. 24, 1878. Their children were: Edith DeEtta, born Sept. 20, 1879, married Chas. H. Garnes; Anna Maude, born Feb. 21, 1882, married Leslie Horridge; Mary Elizabeth, born May 18, 1884, married Roy Harwood; Lorena, born Sept. 17, 1886, married Ralph Mullins; James Orville, born Aug. 11, 1889, married Maude Caldwell; Robert Ross, born Apr. 8, 1895, married Marguerite Evans.

TILGHMAN ROSWELL CLOUD

Tilghman Howard Cloud, son of Pryor Berry and Nancy Pullen Cloud was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky February 19th, 1845.

In August of 1861 he, with his brother James, went to Louisville, Kentucky, where according to a letter written to his father, they "joined the Company of Captain Dudley." He wrote proudly of being armed with "Sharp's rifles that shoot thirteen hundred yards."

Later documents show that the two brothers joined the Confederate service in the 4th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry in what was known as General Roger Henson's Brigade. They fought together in battles of Stone River, Chicamauga and Missionary Ridge. It was due to this service that T. H. Cloud served for a number of years on the board of the Confederate Home located at Lexington, Missouri.

Following his service in the Confederate Army, Tilghman H. Cloud came to Moniteau County, Missouri where he read law and was admitted to the Missouri Bar. In September of 1865, he was married to Margaret Catherine Venable, daughter of Judge Drury Venable, a Justice of Missouri Supreme Court who died in 1859.

The young couple came to Kingsville in Johnson County where they lived until they moved to Pleasant Hill in Cass County, Missouri in 1871. He formed a law partnership with George H. Preston in 1873.

Tilghman Howard and Catherine Venable Cloud were parents of eight children, three of whom died while quite young. The oldest son, Frank Pryor Cloud, died in Pleasant Hill in 1890. Of the surviving children only Roy Tilghman Cloud remained in Pleasant Hill.

Catherine Venable Cloud died in 1886. Two years later Tilghman Howard Cloud married Isaphena Edgar who survived when he died in 1935.

Roy Tilghman Cloud, son of T. H. and Kate Venable Cloud was born in Pleasant Hill in Cass County, October 3, 1878. He spent most of his early life in Pleasant Hill. He began his newspaper career at fifteen when he went to work as a "printer's devil" for *The Pleasant Hill Gazette.* He quit the *Gazette* to work on *The Pleasant Hill Local* which he later bought, in partnership with another printer. In 1900 he sold his interest in *The Local* and bought *The Pleasant Hill Post* which he renamed *The Pleasant Hill Times. The Times* was published by the Cloud family until it was sold in 1961.

Roy Tilghman Cloud was married to Josephine Miranda Savage, daughter of William Roswell and Emma Greenhill Savage, at Wellington, Kansas in December, 1899. Of the three children born to Roy and Josephine Cloud, two sons survived to continue operating the newspaper.

Roy Tilghman Cloud died in 1961 having been preceded in death by his wife and one son, Fred Bruce Cloud.

Fred Bruce Cloud had never married. He spent his whole life in Pleasant Hill except for the period of his attendance at Missouri University and army service in World War II.

Tilghman Roswell Cloud was born in Pleasant Hill, Missouri in 1902 to Roy Tilghman and Josephine Cloud. He was graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1924 and became co-editor of *The Pleasant Hill Times.* His editorial comments were widely re-printed. After the sale of *The Times,* Tilghman Cloud became Press Secretary to the then Governor John M. Dalton. He was appointed Deputy-Secretary of State in 1965 by Secretary of State James C. Kirkpatrick. He served in this capacity until his death in 1970.

Tilghman Cloud had served Pleasant Hill in many capacities. He was a past president of the Democratic Editors of Missouri. He was one of the first ten squires initiated into the Missouri Academy of Squires.

Tilghman Cloud married Riva Elizabeth Heslar, daughter of William H. and Mazie Wehe Heslar, in 1936. Two sons, Roy Tilghman Cloud II, 1938, and George William Cloud, 1945, were born of this marriage. Roy T. Cloud, second, now lives and works in Chicago, Illinois. George William Cloud, after receiving both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Missouri School of Journalism, now is an editor of Part II *Newsday* published in Garden City, New York. With his departure, the story of the Clouds in Cass County ended after more than one hundred years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clum.

WILLIAM H. CLUM

William H. Clum was born December 25, 1880 at Mattawan (Van Buren County), Michigan — his parents being Reuben G. and Julia A. (Robinson) Clum. At the age of eight years the family moved to Lamoni, Iowa where he attended the public school and Graceland College. He was confirmed a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints April 18, 1890.

Mr. Clum married Martha Susan Foltz (1886-1963) on July 26, 1905. Mrs. Clum was confirmed a member of the RLDS Church November 29, 1911. They established their home in Lamoni where Mr. Clum was in the sheet metal, plumbing and heating business with his father under the firm name of R. G. Clum and Son.

In 1920 the Clum family moved to Pomona, Kansas where Mr. Clum had purchased two farms. Coming from Pomona September, 1928 to Harrisonville, Mr. Clum purchased the tinshop from Guy E. Brocaw on North Independence Street. The family moved March, 1929 when place of residence was made available.

Mr. and Mrs. Clum were parents of nine children — six daughters Vera (deceased), Ruth, Avis, Maxine, Ruby, Frances (deceased) and three sons, William R. G. (deceased), Jarold (deceased) and Ralph.

Under the firm name of W. H. Clum and Son, the business was moved closer to the Square (104 N. Independence) when plumbing, heating and air-conditioning was added. The business prospered and in time Mr. Clum purchased the adjoining building on the north. He remained at the head of the firm until 1954 when ill health forced his retirement — his death occurring December 4, 1960. His son, William R. G., headed the firm from 1954 until his death June 3, 1971 and the business was sold at public auction the following month.

Mr. and Mrs. Clum received Golden Wedding congratulations from friends and relatives at their home in Harrisonville July 24, 1955 approximately 150 persons attending.

The first meeting of the Harrisonville Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church group was held November 3, 1940 in the Clum home and it was through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Clum this small group met every Sunday in their home for a period of time. The group gradually increased in numbers, overflowing the Clum home and other meeting places were made available until the group was able to purchase the two lots where the present church was built.

As of this date March 31,76 the surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clum are: Mrs. Ruth C. Martin, Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Calvin (Avis) Grace, Harrisonville, Mo.; Mrs. Leslie (Maxine) McCord, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Miss Ruby A. Clum, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. Ralph H. Clum, Raytown, Mo.; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren.

ROBERT SEYMORE COE

Robert Seymore Coe, the youngest child of David Patterson Coe (1839-1887) and Harriet Lydia Parson (1846-1908), was born May 7, 1874 in Sherman Township, Cass County on a farm in the Highland School District. His parents were married in Galesburg, Illinois in 1865.

Mr. Coe came to Missouri in February 1869 to buy a farm and in a letter he wrote to his wife stated he had looked through Bates and part of Vernon Counties but "buying a farm was not the easiest work in the world." He told her he had bargained for a quarter of prairie and forty acres of timber joining at $11 per acre in the southeastern part of Cass County. They did move to the farm in Missouri in 1869. They were the parents of David Charles Coe, Minerva Matilda Coe Dale, John Moses Coe, and Robert Seymore Coe.

In 1894 Robert Coe (1874-1959) and Birdie Cox (1877-1964) were married. She was the daughter of Horace Cox and Melinda Byler Cox. They located on a farm in Sherman Township. They were parents of five sons — Horace David (1896-1920), who married Juaneta Leadbetter. Roy Meredith (1900-1938), who married Helen Ransier and were the parents of two children, Kenneth and Donna Faye; Ralph Seymore (1899), who married Lois Leslie and Hubert Lee (1902), who married Vera Gerber and were the parents of three children, Robert, Veta and Rosalie.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe remained on their farm until 1925 when they moved to Garden City, Missouri, where he worked as a carpenter. Mr. Coe died in 1951 and Mrs. Coe 1964.

JOHN B. COKE

John B. Coke was born near Creighton, Cass County, Missouri in 1926. His parents were William W. and Beulah (Hayes) Coke. John has lived in Cass County all his life except for time spent in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Creighton High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy the same year. He served in the occupation forces in Japan. When he completed his enlistment in 1946, he settled in Harrisonville. He worked at Cherry's service station and garage for several years. In 1948, John and Sybil Wass, daughter of Chester A. and Rosa Mae (Davis) Wass, were married.

John opened an accounting service office in Harrisonville in 1951. In 1961 he was licensed a certified public accountant by the Missouri State Board of Accountancy. He is in active practice and has his office in Harrisonville.

John has been active in local baseball programs throughout the time he has lived in Harrisonville. He is currently coaching the American Legion and Harrisonville Town Teams.

John served two terms on the Harrisonville City Council. He is a member of the veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts.

John and Sybil are parents of two children. John Stevan (Jay) was born in 1952. Jay graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1970. He took a B.A. degree in psychology at Missouri University, Columbia, in 1974, and is now doing graduate work at the University of Kansas. Jay and Marsha P. Burnett of Mission, Kansas were married in 1973.

Donna Rose Coke was born in 1953. She graduated in 1971 from Harrisonville High School. In 1975 she completed requirements for B.S. degree in criminal justice at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, and is currently enrolled in Law School at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

CARY ALLEN COLBURN

Cary A. Colburn was born February 1, 1904 in Freeman, Mo. His parents were John W. and Jessamine (Allen) Colburn. In 1917 John Colburn, having been elected treasurer of Cass County, moved to Harrisonville, where Cary graduated from high school in 1923. After graduation he went to work at the Allen Bank, where, with the exception of a few years when he was employed in Oklahoma City, he remained until 1958, when he sold his controlling interest.

After retiring from the bank, he devoted his time to raising registered Shorthorns, having founded his herd in 1936. In 1966 he was named "Builder of the Breed' by the American Shorthorn Association. At that time his herd numbered over 200 head of registered Shorthorns on 450 acres of land. In making the award, *The Shorthorn World* stated:

"Wherever there is an important breed meeting, show or sale, you can count of Colburn's genial presence. His herd has been assembled from the very best available, and has shown champions and winning gets throughout Kansas and Missouri. No one derives more pleasure from his Shorthorns and no one promotes them more vigorously on local, state and national levels. With co-operation as his keynote Cary Colburn is a prime asset to his breed."

Regretfully in 1969, Mr. Colburn sold his herd due to difficulty in securing suitable help. However, he and Mrs. Colburn still attend many Shorthorn shows each year.

On November 11, 1932, Cary Colburn was married to Margaret Parker, a teacher in Harrisonville. She was born June 26, 1906 to Silas C. and Mary (Farmer) Parker of Pleasant Hill. She attended the University of Denver, Central Missouri State University and the University of Kentucky. She retired in 1954.

Mr. Colburn, a Democrat, has always taken an active interest in politics. He was an active supporter of the Cass County Memorial Hospital. He is, at present, a director in the Citizens Bank of Harrisonville.

John W. Colburn came to Pleasant Hill from Tennessee in the 1830's. He was married August 29, 1839 to Jane I. Clemins. Their son John Wesley was born in 1843.

Dr. John Colburn, a pioneer doctor of old Morristown, was married to Rebecca M. Davidson, born March 31, 1850 in Lee Co., Virginia to Wm. P. and Lucy Davidson. In 1896, Dr. Colburn moved to Kansas City, Mo. where he died in 1909 and Mrs. Colburn in 1920.

John W. Colburn was born in Freeman, Mo. March 16, 1876 to J. W. and Rebecca Davidson Colburn. In 1903, Mr. Colburn was married to Jessamine S. Allen born 1878 to James Trimble and Jane (McCampbell) Allen of Grand River Township. Mr. and Mrs. Colburn had two children: Cary Allen and John Frank. Both died in Harrisonville, Mr. Colburn in 1942 and Mrs. Colburn in 1963.

James Trimble Allen was born near Versailles, Kentucky in 1841, the son of John and Caroline Quarles Allen. His grandparents were Hugh and Hannah Trimble Allen. James T. Allen was married for the second time on December 19, 1871 to Jane McCampbell, born June 1, 1844 in Jessamine Co., Kentucky, the daughter of J. H. and Eliza (Vince) McCampbell. Mr. and Mrs. Allen moved to Cass County in 1883. They died in Harrisonville, Mr. Allen on January 16, 1924 and Mrs. Allen on May 11, 1936. The children by his first marriage were: Mrs. Robert (Nettie) Adams and Mrs. Samuel (Dora) Johnson. The children by his second marriage were: John T. Allen who married Helen Reilly, Mrs. Richard (Sue) King, Mrs. John W. (Jessamine S.) Colburn, Mrs. Gibson (May) Glenn, and James Howard who married Fay Willis.

JOHN SPENCER COLEMAN

John Spencer Coleman (1899-1961), youngest son of Robert William, I and Della Coleman, was united in marriage to Mary Parrott March 11, 1931. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the V.F.W. He came to Cass County shortly after his discharge from service. He lived in the Coleman Community the rest of his life being a farmer and stockman. He was a great story teller. John Spencer and Mary Coleman had three children, Spencer Parrott Coleman, Mary Ann Coleman, and Beverly Sue Coleman.

Mary and John Spencer Coleman.

Spencer Parrott Coleman married Dorotha "Darlene" Winchel. To this marriage two children were born, Dennis Paul Coleman and Shereece Diane Coleman. They live in the Peculiar-Coleman area where Spencer Parrott farms some of the original "Coleman" ground. Spencer Parrott also works for Solo Cup Co.

Mary Ann Coleman married Donald W. Benson, and have two children; Linda Lynn Benson and Donna Sue Benson. They live in Indiana, where Don is employed as an engineer.

Beverly Sue Coleman married Dr. Charles "Buddy" Welborn and to this marriage two children were born; Kimberly Ann Welborn and Timothy Allen Welborn. Bud is a Veterinarian in Butler and Beverly helps him in the Vet Clinic. Beverly, also has a B.S. degree in education and taught several years.

PATRICK HENRY COLEMAN

Patrick Henry (Johnnie) Coleman (1846-1897) married Mary Eve Orr (1850-1929) of St. Louis.

To this marriage were born 10 children, Walter Eugene, James Henry, William Tyler, Zulazonge (Dollie), Clarence Ernest (Sam), Margaret Elizabeth, Byron (Fritz), Lyda Evelyn, Mary Lucille, and Grover Cleveland.

In 1918 two sons, Clarence Ernest and Byron (Fritz) came to Cass County to farm the land his grandfather had purchased (Section 6, Peculiar Township 45, Range 31) from the government in 1854. A plot of this land became the town of Coleman in 1887 which consisted of the Coleman Church, two general stores, school, train depot, blacksmith shop, elevator, stockyard, lumber yard, post office and a section house called the Blue Goose.

Byron (Fritz) Coleman (1885-1976) married Marie Elizabeth Bayer (1895-1975) on September 4, 1919. His occupation was a dairyman and farmer. To this marriage were born two sons, Byron Gottlieb and Glenn Harley.

Byron Gottlieb married Edna Bernice Masoner, July 25, 1942. He is a Veteran of World War II. To this marriage was born two daughters, Virginia Ann and Carolyn Ruth.

Virginia Ann married Joe Latta on August 27, 1966.

Carolyn Ruth married Richard Pellegrini on September 7, 1973, and was divorced in 1975.

Glenn Harley married Marjorie Grace Stayton on April 6, 1947. Harley is a farmer, farming some of the land his great-grandfather had purchased and where the town of Coleman once stood, which came back to his father, Byron (Fritz) Coleman in 1946. To this marriage were born four children, Marjorie Lee, Nancy Lynn, Glenn Edward, and Hugh Byron.

Marjorie Lee married Leland Alton Kimzey on August 21, 1970, and resides in Independence, Missouri. They have one son, Scott Alton.

ROBERT WILLIAM COLEMAN, I

Robert William Coleman, I (1854-1914), was one of 14 children, born in St. Louis County to Dr. Robert Goodwin Coleman, Jr. and Elizabeth Jane (Tyler) Coleman (1826-1888).

Dr. Robert Goodwin Coleman, Sr. and Caroline (Harris) Coleman, came from Spottsylvania County, Virginia to Bonhomme Township, St. Louis County in 1837.

According to a journal kept by the family, Rev. Robert Goodwin Coleman was a fairly wealthy man, being a large

Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Coleman I.

land owner, slave owner and a Baptist preacher of note. The family traveled in comfortable carriages for themselves. Some rode on horseback. They had wagons to transport their household goods and numerous slaves marched alongside. There is evidence that members of the Coleman family had come to St. Louis County at a date prior to this journey and had purchased land. It is believed they had sent back favorable reports and that Rev. Robert G. Coleman had also made his purchase of land (450 acres) and was moving everything to his new home in the "Bonhomme Bottom" on the banks of the Missouri River. They arrived on June 6, 1837 having left Virginia around April 20, 1837.

The family settled in a log dwelling near the steamboat landing known as Tyler's Landing. In 1848 a handsome brick mansion was erected and became known as "Mount Comfort" and the family was reported as being well-established leaders of the Wildhorse Creek Community.

Dr. R. G. Coleman served in the State Senate of Missouri at various times (believed to be about 20 years) including the famous and hectic session of 1861.

Dr. Robert G. Coleman became an extensive land owner in Cass County buying land in what is now known as the "Coleman Community" as early as 1854. He also owned land in the Topeka, Kansas area, eventually selling it to pay taxes on the Cass County land. Some of the acreage in Section 31, Big Creek Township is still in the family today, being farmed by the great-grandsons of the man who originally purchased the ground from the government.

Dr. Robert G. Coleman matched dollar for dollar the money raised by area residents to build the first Coleman Baptist Church in 1884. The total cost of the Church was $1,200.00 In 1951 it was decided to build a new Church. It was dedicated in 1954, and in 1962 an educational wing was added on and dedicated.

At one time the town consisted of the Church, two general stores, school, train depot, blacksmith shop, elevator, stockyard, post-office, and a saloon called "The Blue Goose."

Robert William Coleman I married Della Sandfos in 1895. He was noted for his trotting horses, and registered swine. To this marriage were born three children, Robert William, II, John Spencer, and Gladys Louise. Robert I, was born and lived all of his life in St. Louis County. Della (1865-1945) came to Cass County with her sons after they were discharged from serving in World War I. Gladys followed at the end of the school year.

Robert William Coleman, II married Gladys Marie Garten, John Spencer Coleman married Mary Parrott and Gladys

Louise Coleman married George Harold Parrott. Gladys and George Harold Parrott had one son, George Robert Parrott. George Robert is a farmer, farming some of the ground his great-grandfather purchased from the government. George Robert married Patricia Ann Jeter, daughter of Delos James and Ruby Louise Jeter, and they have five children, Sandra Louise Parrott, Harold James Parrott, Robert Allen Parrott, Charles Edwart Parrott, and Kenneth Ray Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Coleman II.

ROBERT WILLIAM COLEMAN II

Robert William Coleman II (1897-1968), oldest son of Robert William, I and Della Coleman, was united in marriage to Gladys Marie Garten on April 17, 1919. Robert was a veteran of World War I and a member of Cass County Barracks (V.F.W.). He came to Cass County shortly after his discharge from service. He lived in the Coleman Community the rest of his life, being a farmer and dairyman.

Robert and Gladys had five children, Robert William Coleman, Jr., Buford Allen Coleman, Larry Eugene Coleman, Catherine Elizabeth Coleman and Florence Marie Coleman.

Robert W. Coleman, Jr. married Jacqueline Brown and they have two daughters, Deanne and Karen. Deanne Coleman Scharrer married John Scharrer and they have a son, Scott. Deanne, John and Scott live in East Lynn and John works for the elevator there. Karen Coleman married Wesley Cunningham and they reside in Harrisonville. Karen works for a local bank and Wes is employed by a radio station in Kansas City, Mo.

Buford "Duke" A. Coleman married Mary Elizabeth Lane and they live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Duke is employed by Sandia Air Force Base. Duke and Mary have three children, Dorothy Elizabeth married William Beckner, Sharon Coleman and George Robert Coleman. Duke served in World War II.

Larry E. Coleman married Julie Ann Klapmeyer and they have two children, Lori Ann Coleman and Russell Keith Coleman. Larry served in the Army 1962-1964 and has resided in the Coleman Community since his discharge, in fact, his home is on some of the original land. Larry is employed by the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. in Harrisonville, Mo.

Catherine Elizabeth Coleman married James W. Lawler and they reside in St. Joseph, Mo. They have three children, J. W. (Dubbie) Lawler who married Marcia Claire, they have one daughter, Jennifer Ann and live in Houston, Texas. Carol Frances Lawler married Thomas Fairlie, live in St. Joseph, Mo., have two children, Kristan and Kevin. James Robert Lawler married Mary Lou Frye and they have a daughter, Rebecca. They reside in Alma, Mo.

Florence Marie Coleman married A. L "Fay" Todd, Jr. and they reside in the Coleman Community, and also live on some of the original land. They have three children, Michael Allen Todd, married Judy Wright, Steven Robert Todd, Elizabeth Ann Todd. Patricia Mae Todd, Fay's daughter by a previous marriage, married Jerry Radde and they have two boys, Sheridan and Matthew.

The first marriage ceremony in the original Coleman Baptist Church was Catherine E. Coleman and J. W. Lawler in 1942.

INA MARIE (LAFFOON) COLLINS

Ina Marie (Laffoon) Collins was born Oct. 24, 1891 at Cleveland, Mo., the daughter of Amanda (Hall) and Robert E. Laffoon. Ina was the first Cass County Nurse and served in this capacity for many years. She was united in marriage to Will West Collins on July 28, 1919 at El Paso, Texas. Ina and Will were the parents of three children; Marie M. (Collins) Evans Bundo (b. 4-22-1920 at Deming, N.M.), William Wesley Collins (b. 5-22-1921 at El Paso, Texas), and Thelma Lee (Collins) Heinrichs (b. Oct. 12, 1924 at Los Angeles, Calif.).

Marie (Collins) Evans Bundo married Scott Evans of San Francisco, Calif. on May 17, 1944 at Camp Adair, Oregon. She resides in Toledo, Ohio and is employed as a hospital anesthetist. Marie and Scott are the parents of five children: Martha Marie (Evans) Ryan (b. 1-6-1947) is the wife of Thomas Ryan of Toledo, Ohio; Michael Matthew Evans (b. 7-11-1948) married Patricia Ann Wysin of Port Clinton, Ohio; Gregory Scott Evans (b. 9-9-1949) married Patricia Lou Bennett of Indiana, and are the parents of two children, Gregory Scott Evans, Jr., and Martha Marie Evans II; Derek Bruce Evans (b. 11-20-1950) married Margaret Mattimoe of Toledo, Ohio at Barre, Vermont; Timothy A. Evans (b. 6-14-1953) married Michele Marie Bradley of Toledo, Ohio.

William Wesley Collins married Frances Porter of Ponca City, Okla. on June 24, 1950 at Rolla, Mo. He is employed in the field of geology for the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York City. They are the parents of two children, Ann (b. 10-28-1956) and James Patrick Collins (b. 7-3-1959).

Thelma Lee (Collins) Heinrichs married Andrew Nestor Heinrichs of Glassmere, Penn., on March 4, 1946 at St. Louis, Mo. Thelma is a laboratory technician for a drug firm in Greensboro, No. Carolina. Thelma and Andrew are the parents of four children: Andrew Chris Heinrichs (b. 7-25-1949) married Julia Garret of Lampasas, Texas and resides in Burnet, Texas; Jeffrey Paul Heinrichs (b. 7-12-1950) married Patricia Crosley of Lake Jackson, Texas and they reside in Houston, Texas; Thomas Lee Heinrichs (b. 7-19-1952) of San Antonio, Texas; and Alan David Heinrichs (b. 11-12-1954) of Lubbock, Texas.

JAMES ROBERTSON CONNELY

The early records of Cass County show James Robertson Connely coming to Cass County from Kentucky in the summer of 1856. He was a descendent of Thomas Connely, who resided in Agusta County, Virginia. The family rendered valuable service in establishing and assisting in American Independence during the War of the Revolution.

James Robertson Connely entered some land in Austin Township where he made his home until Order No. 11 was issued during the Civil War. After the war was over he returned to settle a few miles east of Austin where he engaged in farming for the rest of his life.

He had married Susan Cassidy on August 27, 1853. She was a native of Indiana. To this union the following children were born: Abigail; Jennie, who married James Field of Kansas City; Fanny, who died at age 18; William, who died in infancy; James R., who resided near Garden City; John Edgar, who lived on a farm near Austin and later moved to Harrisonville and Charles Frederick, who occupied the home place.

Charles F. married Clara Clark and they were the parents of three sons. They continued to live on the home place near Austin. James E. and his wife, the former Ileen Westhoff, have two children, Jim Bob, who graduated from Missouri University in agri-business and now lives and has employment in Chicago, Illinois and Cathy Ann, a graduate of Central Missouri State University, who is now teaching school in Missouri.

The Connely farm was listed in 1975 as having been in the same family possession for over 100 years.

Descendents of Abigail and Will Moore still live in Cass County. They are Henrietta Noell, widow of George Noell and their children, Geraldine Foote and Dudley Noell.

John Edgar Connely owned and lived on a farm near the home place, later moving to Harrisonville where he owned and operated a Real Estate and Insurance business for many years. He and his wife, the former Elinor (Nellie) Webster had five children. Mrs. Connely was the daughter of Dr. Daniel H. Webster, who had settled near Austin and was an 1864 graduate of a Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio and became an early day physician in Cass County. Children of James Edgar and Nellie Connely Webster were: Corinne C.; Elinor E.; Lucile de Manville and twins, John Edgar Jr. and Juliet, both of whom died in infancy.

Corinne became the wife of Joseph Lisle Brown, who was a Division Engineer in the Missouri Highway Dept. He was a son of Walter Brown, member of a pioneer family of the county. He and his wife have one child, Jo Ann, who married John Buckner of Springfield. They have two children: John now attending college and Robin. The family reside in Springfield.

Elinor Connely graduated from Hardin College, formerly of Mexico, Mo. She married Herbert B. Plunkett, a vice-president of the A. P. Green Firebrick Co. and they are the parents of two children. They are, Betty Nell, wife of Dr. Arthur W. St. Clair, of Jackson, Mississippi and Connely Plunkett, an architect also of Jackson.

Lucile Connely married Horace Jackson Moody of Harrisonville. Lucile, a graduate of Hardin College, the Conservatory of Music and Master's degree from U.M.K.C., taught school for several years at Archie and Harrisonville, teaching music and giving private lessons in vocal music to pupils from all over Cass County for over fifty years. She was also director of music at the United Methodist Church in Harrisonville for many years.

CHARLES C. CONOVER

Charles C. Conover was the son of Dr. Richard Ashton and Sarah (Fisher) Conover, who came to the Peculiar community now known as "Old Town," from Illinois in 1868. Old Dr. Conover served the community as physician and he and his family served the community's spiritual and cultural needs, although his wife was blind for many years.

Dr. Charles, one of six children, was born October 23, 1871 and attended school in Peculiar. After graduation, he attended Missouri University at Columbia where he attained his medical degree, as well as becoming a football hero. He later attended Harvard Medical School and John Hopkins University. He established his practice in Kansas City, Missouri, where he became one of the outstanding diagnosticians of his time. He married Pearla Mae Petty in Kansas City. Two daughters were born — Mary Mellon, now deceased, and Kathryn Bunting, who with her husband, Clarke, rebuilt the old Conover home. Their daughter, Mary, started to school in Peculiar. They later moved to Kansas City, where they now reside.

Dr. Conover was on the staff of Trinity Lutheran Hospital and when the new east wing was built, the diagnostic center was given in his name.

AUBREY B. COOK

Aubrey B. Cook, grandfather of Jamie and Janice Cook, third son of Francis Henry Cook and Ida Evalina Watson, was born near Freeman, Missouri in Cass County, July 19, 1902. He graduated from Harrisonville High School with the distinction of being valedictorian. Aubrey B. Cook and Isa Pearl Bogar were united in marriage, March 11, 1922, in Harrisonville, Missouri. As the roads were very muddy, they made their wedding journey with a team of horses and wagon.

Mr. Cook is following in the steps with the fine characteristics of his respected and dignified ancestors. He is one of the true leaders and Christians in the Church that he serves. He has been a member of M. E. Church, Shiloh Chapel until the groups joined the Presbyterian Church in Freeman. You will see him there with his faithful wife of almost 50 years each Sunday, often offering the prayer for closing the services. Aubrey B. Cook is active in many community services. He is Republican and has often served as committeeman and judge for Dolan Township. He is REA director, currently secretary-treasurer, and is also a director. Last, but not least, he is a noted farmer.

Steryl Cook, Aubrey and Pearl's first-born, came November 3, 1922, just barely weighing in at 3 pounds. With the help of God and many kind neighbors and friends, he was kept warm in the oven in a shoebox and was dressed in white handkerchiefs for diapers, and is now living with his wife, Mary Henrietta Bane, and their 3 children, Kevin Layne, Keith Wayne, and Kelly Sue, 3 miles south of Freeman. Steryl is employed in the U.S. Post Office in Kansas City, Missouri.

The second-born, Robert Wesley Cook, father of Janice and Jamie Cook, came 17 years later, October 10, 1939, when Steryl was a senior in high school. Robert went 12 years of school at Freeman and graduated in 1957 where he was in school activities, one of these being basketball. He played on the first team when they were winners of the Conference and second place in the Archie Tournament. After high school, Robert joined the Army Reserves and was on active duty for 6 months in Missouri and Arkansas. June 7, 1958, he married Martha Scheib Cook at the Baptist Church in Drexel, Missouri. Robert is active in community and area services, the same as those forebears before him. His church membership started at a very early age at the Shiloh Chapel M. E., and has moved to the Presbyterian Church in Freeman with the rest of his family, where he is a deacon of the church. He is affiliated with Grand River Lodge AF and AM and Freeman Chapter #26 O.E.S. Robert is an active and hardworking member of the Freeman Lions Club and a strong Republican in the county. He serves on the Board of Directors of MFA and is the committee man for FHA. He farms about 900 acres. Martha Cook, born November 23, 1938, Robert's wife, is an elementary teacher. They have 2 children, Janice Larie Cook, born September 18, 1960, and James Robert Cook, born March 24, 1968, and it is to these children that this fine legacy and heritage of the Cook name descend.

JESSE COOK

Jesse Cook was born in South Carolina Feb. 15, 1801 and died in Champaign County, Illinois Nov. 29, 1883. He married Nancy Linebarger, born July 5, 1884, in Indiana and they settled near Joliet, Ill. Jesse Cook enjoyed traveling, moving his family several times. He made three trips to California after gold, the second and third in 1854 and 1860, proved to be quite profitable. Jesse and Nancy had nine children: Marahan, born 1825, John (1827-1909), Andrew Jesse (1829-1893), Levina (1832-1913), Aarin, born July 8, 1834, William (1835-1918), Elizabeth, born March 3, 1838, George (1843-1913), Charles S. (1846-1922).

Andrew Jesse Cook was born in Pike Co., Indiana. He married Nancy Kinder (born Jan. 16, 1834 — died June 7, 1858) on March 5, 1849. They were parents of 3 children, all died at an early age: Allen (1850-1869), Charles T. (1852-1872), Elizabeth (1854-1856). After the death of Nancy, Andrew Jesse married Catherine McDonald, Sept. 23, 1858. Their children were Sara L. (1858-1859), William Edward (1859-1937), Emma Elizabeth (1860-1939), Seth Pinkney (1862-1937), Eli Jesse (1863-1945), George Andrew (1865-1937), Francis Henry (1875-1937).

Andrew Jesse came to Cass County in 1883 and purchased the Peter Franse farm, south of Freeman. That farm is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook and has been in the family since 1883. After the Shaler Chapel was burned, because the members crossed a man's farm going to church, Andrew Jesse offered land for a new building on the south part of his farm and it was built in 1888, known as Shiloh Chapel, later dissolved and united with the Freeman Presbyterian church in 1962.

Andrew Jesse bought the first McCormick grain binder in his section of Illinois. During the migration to Missouri, it was carried in a wagon and used for many years, pieces of it still being in use in 1916.

William Edward Cook, eldest son of Andrew Jesse, married Frances Reynolds in Freeman, Mo. Dec. 24, 1886. They had one child, Carrie Ana Belle, Aug. 7, 1888. Frances died April 13, 1889.

Emma Elizabeth Cook married Benjamin Franklin Blevins and had four sons. Seth Pinkney Cook married Mary E. Gevan, from Illinois. Eli Jesse Cook married Minnie S. Dunnington and had one child, Minnie. Mother and child died the same year. Eli Jesse married second, Dora E. White. No children born to this union. George Andrew Cook married first, Edith May Harrison and had three children, Lloyd Flabel being the only one who reached adulthood. After the death of Edith, George Andrew married Lillie Ann Lernmer and they had 9 children. They moved to Lane, Kansas.

Francis Henry Cook was the youngest child of Andrew Jesse and Catherine McDonald Cook. He married Ida Evaline Watson Oct. 14, 1896. They were parents of Seth Cook (Jan. 10, 1899-Oct. 29, 1900), Ted R., born Sept. 24, 1900, Aubrey B., born July 19, 1902 and Juanita, born April 18, 1905.

Ted R. Cook married Alta Slusher Sept. 8, 1925, and had Jack R., born Feb. 8, 1926 and Verla Laven, born Dec. 16, 1929. Jack R. Cook married Velma May Greene May 8, 1947. They have three children, Doryl Reece, born April 10, 1949, Sandra Lynn, born May 3, 1951, and Kris Alan, born May 21, 1952. Doryl married Maomi Branham Aug. 25, 1972. Sandra married Robert Joseph Molorki Sept. 19, 1970.

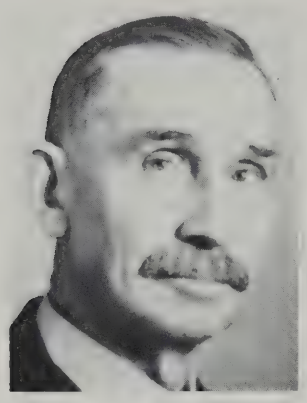
Verla Laven Cook married Clifford Eugene Richardson June 21, 1947. They now live in Kansas.

GEORGE COOMES

One of the early residents of Belton was George Coomes, who migrated from Grayson County, Virginia in 1901. George was a carpenter by trade. He advised his son, Ellis Conway, better known as "Con," that there was a lot of construction here. Con had married Ida Mae Byrd, daughter of Rev. John Byrd in 1894 and was the father of four children at this time. — Virginia Bell (Galvin) now deceased; Allie Crockett (Dougan) now living in Stanley, Kansas; Gwynne Conway, a present resident of Belton; and Basil Rudy, who died in World War II. Con and Ida moved their family to Belton in 1902. Here, two children were born to them. — Harry, who died in infancy, and Ella Mae (Turk) a resident of Belton.

Con was engaged in carpentry all his life. He built many homes in Belton and Martin City. He was the superintendent of construction of the school built in 1942 behind the three story school on Walnut Street. His wife died in 1939, and he lived with his son Gwynne until his death in 1948.

Gwynne enlisted in the Navy during World War I, and received his discharge in 1921. He worked in Parsons, Kansas, living with his sister Virgie, and there met Hinda Virginia Rood. They were married in 1921, and a son, Gwynne Conway, Jr. was born. They then returned to Belton to make their home. Two daughters were born in Belton. — Betty Maxine (Letzig), a present resident of Belton, and Shirley Mae (Vochatzer), a resident of Kansas City, Kansas. Gwynne and Hinda have worked and served Belton their entire adult life. Gwynne was a councilman for two 3-year terms. His son, Gwynne Jr., and both of his sons-in-law were in the Armed Services during World War II. Hinda and Gwynne are the grandparents of five, and great-grandparents of four.



ABIGIA C. COPE

Abigia Christopher Cope was born April 20, 1872 in Hancock County, east Tennessee, and died May 20, 1949. At the age of 14 he moved to Grainger County, Tenn. He married Mahala Samantha Parris, who was born July 27, 1872, Clairborne County, Tenn., died April 14, 1947. Both are buried in Pleasant Hill, Mo., Cemetery. Their six children were born in Tennessee.

Abigia and Samantha were married in an unusual ceremony. Horseback riding was the order of the day. The bride, in her riding habit astride her side saddle and riding mare, and the groom on his horse were united in holy matrimony Nov. 19, 1891.

They went to housekeeping in a log cabin in the shadow of Clinch mountain near his father's home, where a spring of cool clear water flowed. They later built a new house on Copper Ridge on land given by his father.

The Cope men were woodmen by necessity. They made furniture for their homes from walnut and cherry trees, also "settin" chairs put together without nails or screws with split hickory bottoms.

The women accomplished much with very little. They never let the fires die out. They spun wool into yarn, dyed it, wove the cloth, made all the clothing, made soap, milked the cows and churned the butter. The Beech Grove Baptist church which now stands on land once owned by Grandfather Woodson Cope was attended regularly. Singing schools were popular.

By February 1912 the family had outgrown the new house. Abigia and Samantha moved to Pleasant Hill, Mo. They bought a 120 acre farm on which stands the historic stone house built in 1885 in the area of Hickory Grove school, where a Sunday School had been organized in 1908. The family became active in Sunday School.

The Hickory Grove Baptist Church was organized in the schoolhouse in 1913. The church building was erected and dedicated in 1914. This church stands as a memorial to the Copes and the many people who made its existence possible. Abigia Cope served as assistant builder, deacon, clerk, treasurer, trustee and strong supporter all his life.

The move to Missouri changed the life style to some extent, as from a fireplace in each room to wood burning stoves. There was still horseback riding, but the vehicles that stood at the front door of the old stone house were like carriages at a king's palace. One was a spring wagon with two seats and no top. Then came the carriage with top and side curtains. The last of the horse drawn vehicles was a surrey with the fringe on top. Last, but not least, Mr. Cope bought the faithful "model T" ford. The trip to church each Sunday in either of these was an event to write home about.

In 1918 a son, Lanie, was inducted into World War I. This was also the year of the great flu epidemic.

In the 1920s, activities centered around the church. The times were relatively prosperous, but didn't go very far. The financial crash came in 1929. The 1930s brought the Great Depression and drough, which went from bad to worse.

Abigia and Samantha retired in January 1938 and moved to Pleasant Hill. In the 1940s they saw their grandsons enter World War II.

The six children of Abijah and Samantha are: Tilmon Claude Cope, Landrum O. Woodson Cope, Nealie Mahala Cope, Abigia Abraham Cope, Mary Elizabeth Cope and Stella A. Z. Cope.

Tilmon Claude Cope was born Aug. 30, 1892, died October, 1952. Married Katharyn Thornton March 5, 1916. She was a school teacher, born October 12, 1889. Their children were Tilmon Claude Cope, Jr., Christopher Thornton Cope, Katharyn Frances Cope, who married Arnold Dennis and has two children Katharyn and James Tilmon.

Landrum O. Woodson Cope was born July 13, 1896 and died Sept. 27, 1973. Married Hazel Nelson. They had one son, James Woodson Cope.

Nealie Mahala Cope was born March 2, 1902 and married Earnest Kingcade Sept. 14, 1927. Their children were: Vernon Lyle Kingcade who married Carolyn Cenci Leader and has two children, Marta Leader and Rick Kingcade; Earnest Dale Kingcade married Beverly Pontious, and they have two children, Cindy and Alan; James Kingcade, married (1) Sharon Seelye, (2) Louise Barnes, three stepchildren, daughter, Kimberly.

Abigia Abraham Cope, born October 4, 1903, married Louise Dickerson.

Mary Elizabeth Cope, born April 24, 1905, married Harry Bricker, has four children: Bernita June married Charles Smith, one daughter, Julia Mary Elizabeth; Rosemary married C. H. Buse, has two sons, Stephen and David; Harry Stanton (twin) married Frankie Myers, has four children, (twins) Kevin and Kerry, Christopher, Rachelle; Patricia Ann (twin) married Bill Pennock, two children, Stanley and Stacy.

Stella A. Z. Cope, born October 28, 1907, married the Rev. Ira Frank Whitcomb.

CHARLES M. CORE

Charles M. Core was born Jan. 18, 1858, New Bethlehem, Pa., died Jan. 13, 1913, married Oct. 10, 1878 Ida Mae Harper, daughter of William and Sarah Harper, born Dec. 26, 1861, Fairfield Co., O., died Nov. 17, 1934. They settled on a farm in the Prairie View School District near Drexel, Cass Co., Mo. and lived their lives there. Their 6 children, born in Cass Co., were:

(1) James Roy Core born Sept. 10, 1879, died 1942, had wife Marion, moved to Tex. and lived near Higgins with mail address of Pipacomb, Okla., had no children. (2) Margaret Core born Feb. 14, 1881, died Sept. 1955, married Aug. 7, 1903 Clarence Herbert (Bert) Wallace born Jan. 18, 1871 near New Ipswich, N.H., died Jan. 13, 1913. Maggie was a teacher before her marriage, later lived in Kansas City, Mo. where she worked for the Kansas City Life Insurance Co. They had 2 children: Charles Herbert Wallace born Dec. 28, 1909, Amarillo, Tex., married Apr. 27, 1935, St. Paul, Minn., Jane Austin, lives Cleveland, O., has no children; and Lester Dean Wallace born May 10, 1904, married June 16, 1936 Joan Wilkerson, has daughter Joan born June 6, 1940. (3) Agusta Curtis (Curt) Core born Apr. 27, 1883, a farmer, was found drowned in a well at the Core family home near Drexel in July 1940. (4) Charles Luster Core born Feb. 3, 1894, a farmer near Drexel, married, had no children. (5) Chauney Core born June 13, 1896, died May 1, 1897. (6) Juanita May Core born Apr. 10, 1898, married Aug. 29, 1920, Cherokee, Okla., John Peter Steffan. She taught school before her marriage and afterward for a number of years. They had 3 children: Mary Marie Steffan born 1921, married 1940 Robert Deitz. She died 1941 after the birth of her son Robert (Bob) Deitz Jr. in 1941, Kansas City, Mo.; Leo H. Steffan born 1923, attended Paseo High School in Kansas City, enlisted in the Marine Corps Sept. 1942 and went overseas Jan. 1943. He participated in three major engagements including action of Guadalcanal. He died 1943 of wounds received in action in the SW Pacific on Bouganville Island. He and his brother were a part of a patrol when Japanese machine guns opened fire. He was unmarried; and Lisle Steffan born 1925, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Sept. 1942 at the same time as his brother. After his brother's death he returned to the U.. completed his education and is a teacher in Oregon, is married and has a daughter Sherry Ann.

DAVID A. COWGER

David A. Cowger was one of the 3 sons and 3 daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Job Cowger who lived on a farm at Mt. Solon, Augusta Co., Va. After David was mustered out of the Confederate Army he and a boyhood friend, Taylor Urton, came to Ray Co., Mo. and then to Cass Co., Mo. where they worked on various farms and became known as very competent employees.

On Apr. 3, 1878 David A. Cowger married Minnie Heimburg and they started housekeeping on a farm just north of present Peculiar, Mo. Here their first 2 sons were born, Charles who died in infancy and Ira Ernest born Mar. 8, 1881. They moved to Peculiar (now old Peculiar) where their third son, Earl A., was born 1892. They later bought a farm south of Peculiar and lived there until David A. Cowger's death Apr. 27, 1917. Minnie Cowger died Aug. 27, 1919.

Ira Ernest Cowger was a farmer in the area just north of his parents' farm. In 1912 he married Mayme McEowen who was born and reared just south of present Peculiar. Ernest Cowger was active in farming and stock raising until about 1940 when he retired and moved to Peculiar. There his wife died Nov. 27, 1945. He died Nov. 12, 1962. They had 2 children: Helen Cowger born 1913, married 1933 Edward Schug, lives Peculiar, Mo. and has 2 children, Mary Catherine and Eddie Paul Schug; Harold Cowger born 1914, married 1948 Dorothy Duncan of Harrisonville, has 2 children, Steven Harold and Janet Marie Cowger.

Earl A. Cowger married 1913 Mabel Hartzler of Harrisonville. He continued a farmer for several years then with a partner went into the mercantile business, and has for many years conducted a wholesale mercantile business in Superior, Neb. He and his wife have a daughter Colleen born 1914 near Peculiar, Mo., now Mrs. Richard Williams of Parsons, Kans.

JOAB COX

Joab Cox was born in Albumarle County, Virginia. In 1831 he moved to Johnson County, Missouri, where he engaged in farming. In 1835 he married Malinda Seniors. They lived in Johnson County until 1884 when they moved to Cass County near Creighton. They were the parents of eleven children. Joab died in 1889 and Malinda in 1891.

William Henry Cox, son of Joab and Malinda Cox, married Anna Catherine Richardson and moved to Peru, Nebraska, they lived there several years and then moved back to Cass County near Creighton. They were the parents of eleven children, two died in infancy.

Elizabeth married Joseph Coleman and lived near Creighton.

Susan married Newton Coffman and lived in Kansas City, Kansas.

George married Anna Bullock and lived near Dayton until their deaths. Two sons, Homer of Harrisonville and George of Kansas City.

Joab married Anna Woods and lived in Cass County near Creighton.

Frank, single, lived near Creighton until his death.

Charles married Hazel McCoy. They engaged in farming and lived in and near Creighton until their deaths. They were parents of two children. Rolla married Steva Overby of Creighton. Rolla was an employee of the Missouri Public Service until his retirement. Since that time they have been residents of Harrisonville. They have one son, Keith Cox, who married Rowena Bobbitt. They reside in Kansas City, Mo.

Natilee married Max Patterson of Harrisonville, who was a farmer and stockman. At present they are the owners and operators of the Harvest House Inn at Harrisonville, Mo. They are the parents of two children. One daughter, Glenna Sue, who married Richard Dudley. They are presently residing in Richfield, Minnesota. They have one daughter, Lynne Suzanne Dudley.

Their son, Jay Lynn Patterson, married Mary Margaret Fowler and they are the owners and operators of the Patterson Furniture Company, Harrisonville, Mo. They have one son Darren Lane Patterson.

Nettie Jane, who married Edwin Carl Halcomb, is the only surviving child of William Henry and Anna Catherine Cox, she will be 94 years old November 26, 1976. She lives with her daughter in Harrisonville. They were the parents of seven children. Anna Catherine who died at the age of two years; Albert Lee, married Helen Swaney, Hickman Mills, Missouri, lived in Hobbs, New Mexico, until his death; Henry M. married Amanda Garten, Harrisonville, and lived in Mound City, Missouri, until his death.

Charles Glenn married Berniece Moore of Harrisonville, Mo. Now resides in Hamburg, Iowa.

Walter C. married Alberta English of Harrisonville. They now reside in Harrisonville. Two children, W. Carl Halcomb of Kansas City, Missouri and Shirley, Mrs. Robert Jones, Van Nuys, California.

Pearlene married Harvey Van Meter, they reside in Harrisonville and own and operate the Cass County Cleaners. Their daughter, Karen Marie (Mrs. John Southard), Harrisonville and a teacher in the Harrisonville School System, has one daughter, Meghan Marie.

Ethel Corine married Donald Helmuth, Garden City, Missouri now reside in Bentonville, Arkansas. They have one daughter, Donita Carlene, (Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Fayetteville, Arkansas) has twin sons, Willson and Winston Hubbard.

Ella married Marion Boyles of Creighton and were the parents of six children. George and Golda who died when they were young children. Frances Jones, who resides in Florida; Joe who lives in Independence; Frank who lives in Lamar, Mo.

Chesley married Morris G. Miller of Garden City. They now reside in Independence. Morris is employed by the United States Postal Service. They are the parents of three children, Gary and Jerry of Independence and Marcy, (Mrs. Russel Daniels) also of Independence, Mo.

STANLEY COX

Stanley Cox was the son of John C. Cox (1871-1953) and Gussie (Lloyd) Cox (1872-1898) and born in Warrensburg, Mo. in 1893. His father was from a family of fourteen children. His mother died when he was five years old.

He entered the Military Service of the U.S. Army in Feb. 1917 at St. Louis, Mo. Served in France with Co. Z. 162nd Infantry, had honorable discharge from Camp Lee, Virginia on July 22, 1919.

An older brother Nelvry Eugene Cox paid the supreme sacrifice on Sept. 30, 1918 in France, and buried in Arlington Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.

After the war Stanley returned to Marshfield, Mo. and was taught by a jeweler how to repair watches and jewelry. On Oct. 12, 1919 he was united in marriage to Mary Belle Coughenour of Marshfield, Mo. They were parents of three children: Eugene S., Barbara Ann and Theodore C.

In 1919 they moved to Snyder, Oklahoma where Eugene was born in 1920. He now lives in Los Angeles, California.

In 1921 they moved to Neosho, Mo. and Barbara Ann was born in 1923, she is now Mrs. William Briggs of Tucson, Arizona. They have three children: William Patrick now living in Kansas City, Mo., Thomas Eugene living in Emporia, Kansas and Nancy Lynn now Mrs. Barney Boyer and lives in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1925 they moved to Bunceton, Mo. where Theodore Coughenour was born in 1926. He married Mary Tay and they are parents of four daughters: Jeanann, Kathryn, Susan and Theresa. All live in Rhinebeck, New York.

While living in Bunceton, Mo. there was a big fire and destroyed much of the business district, and Stanley and family moved to California, Mo. in 1927, where he had a variety store and jewelry store combined.

In 1931 they moved to Harrisonville, Mo. where he had purchased the Noland Racket Store on the east side of square, later moving to the Poe building where the McClain Bros. Electric is now. In the early 40's he moved his store to the Scavuzzo building where the Medley Shop is now.

In 1941 he bought the Will T. Price building that was a jewelry store, and in 1956 having sold his Variety Store to Clyde Higday of Kansas City, Mo. he moved to his own building and opened a Jewelry Store and Gift Shoppe, later selling his watch repair business to Irvin Boyer, in 1958. Mrs. Cox died in January 1956.

In Jan. 1959 he was married to Alameda Cox and continued to live in Harrisonville, Mo. Before retiring in January 1973 he had a Do-It-Yourself Laundry in Hickman Mills, Mo. for three years, a jewelry store in Lees Summit, Mo. and also in Pleasant Hill, Mo. He died on June 17, 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

GEORGE V. CRAWFORD

Alexander Patrick Crawford came to this country from the north part of Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania. Craigs, Allens, Robertsons, Poages, Winters, Newmans, Sawyers and Falls were some of the names that married into the Crawford family. Alexander Crawford married Mary McPheters in 1740 and they had eleven children. Alex and Mary were both killed by the Indians when the youngest child was one year old. The children were raised by guardians and became somewhat scattered. Their oldest son, John, married, and their daughter married David Falls and moved to Kentucky. Two other sons became Presbyterian ministers, one to Louisville, Kentucky and the other one to West Virginia thence to Tennessee. The eighth child was Samuel. There is a gravestone in the cemetery at Washington Church, Tenn. with this inscription, "Samuel Crawford — a Soldier, 1776 — Died May 7, 1822 — Age 64 Yrs." His sister, Rebecca, born Feb. 7, 1753 was the sixth child and she married Col. John Sawyer. Samuel Crawford buried at Washington Church, we believe, is the great-grandfather of Samuel Sherman Crawford and his cousin, Anna (Crawford) Roberts, of Lenexa, Kansas.

Samuel Sherman Crawford was born at Dunnegan, Mo. Jan. 26, 1865. His parents were from Knox Co., Tenn. He had one brother, Andrew Joseph Crawford, who went to Paris, Texas and passed away July 4, 1921. There may have been others.

The George V. Crawford Family.

Samuel Sherman Crawford married Mary Elizabeth Lowery, of Dunnegan, March 20, 1889 and she was the daughter of William Sinclair and Mary Rebecca Lowery. To this union four sons were born: George Valentine Crawford, Feb. 14, 1890; James William Crawford, June 17, 1892; Otis Lorenzo Crawford, Aug. 26, 1900 and Charles Russell, May 7, 1903. Sam and Mary E. (Lizzie), with their sons, moved and bought a farm one mile south of Creighton, where they lived for 17 years before retiring to Clinton, Mo. in 1923. They purchased a grocery store on Ohio St. for a few months, later selling to J. C. Hastne. Sam passed away Dec. 13, 1924 and was buried at Creighton, Mo. Mary E. married secondly, Hull Hickman Page in 1926 in Clinton. She passed away June 19, 1953 at the age of 81 years and is buried at Creighton, Mo.

George V. Crawford completed his schooling in Creighton, Mo. in 1909. He started as a telegraph operator under Jack Looney, agent for the Frisco railroad. George began his career with the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Railroad in 1911 and served as telegraph operator in Deepwater, Urich and Clinton. He was agent at Raymore, Garden City, Grandview and Belton, Mo. from 1936 until his retirement in 1957, completing a total of 46 years of service.

George V. married Nellie Pearl Huey March 5, 1914 at the bride's home in Deepwater, Mo. To this union were born two sons and three daughters: Wilma Crawford, Belton, Mo.; Sherman W. Crawford (deceased April 21, 1973). His wife, Carol, lives at Mission, Kansas, his daughter, Carolyn Sue, living in Overland Park, Kansas and son, Steven K., at Sunnyvale, California; Sgt. George E. Crawford was killed on the Island of Saipan in World War II, June 21, 1944, and is buried at Belton, Mo.; Mrs. O. J. (Evelyn F. Crawford) Anderson and husband, Oscar J., son, Edwin J., and daughter, Betty Jane, live at Belton, Mo.; Mrs. Earl W. (Mary Kathryn Crawford) Miller and husband, Earl W., live at Belton, Mo. George V. Crawford passed away July, 29, 1961 at his home in Belton. Nellie Pearl passed away Dec. 23, 1966 and both are buried at Belton, Mo.

(See separate history for James W. Crawford)

Otis L. Crawford, married Ruby Weidman, May 1, 1921. They have one daughter, Barbara Jo Ann. He was an electrician and the family lived in Kansas City, Mo. and Colorado Springs, Colo. until they retired to live with their daughter at Noel, Missouri. Ruby passed away March 17, 1973.

Charles R. Crawford married Mildred S. Sidwell May 26, 1934. They lived in Clinton, Missouri and have one daughter, Joyce S. (Crawford) Hitch and husband, Roger Lyle, live in Independence, Missouri. Mildred Crawford passed away Feb. 8, 1947 and is buried at Windsor, Missouri. Charles remarried, and he and his wife, Dorothy, have one daughter, Karen Sue Crawford. Charles is a Real Estate Agent at Warrensburg, Missouri.

MARCUS ANTHONY CREIGHTON

Marcus Anthony Creighton, (1847-1918) was the son of John Brutus Creighton and Amelia Ann Ferree. The family came to Missouri in the 1850's. His grandparents were Matilda Fox Creighton, (Irish) of Meath County, Ireland and John Creighton, (Scotch) of Killmore, Ireland.

The Creighton name, (formerly spelled Crichton) originated in Southwest Scotland where the old home was located at Dumfries. The date the family emigrated to Ireland is unknown, but according to records it must have been before the 17th Century.

The town of Creighton, Missouri was built upon the land provided by Marcus Creighton. Mr. George H. Nettleton, President of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railroad wrote a letter, (January 12, 1885) to the Creightons concerning the naming of the town and said he thought it would prosper. Mr. Creighton was an eager promoter of modern transportation for the community. Marcus (Mark) Creighton was a prominent farmer, civic leader and churchman who believed Cass County was the "Garden Spot of the World."

Marcus A. Creighton and Mary Adella Wallis of Johnson County, Missouri were united in marriage June 25, 1873.

Mary Adella Wallis Creighton, (1849-1933) was the daughter of Jacob Cooke Wallis and Mary Dimm Wallis who came to Missouri in 1868 from Muncy, Pennsylvania. She had strong leadership qualities which she used to promote education, (she had been a school teacher), religious activities in the Presbyterian Church, and social life for the family and friends in the large white home located east of Creighton.

Her interest in history was further stimulated by the records of her ancestors, Colonel Jacob Cooke, who fought in the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777 during the Revolutionary War. Mary Adella Creighton's religious training was probably due to the strong ties of her mother's family, the decendants of John Dim (changed to Dimm) who came to America from Wurtemburg, Germany in 1750. This family helped found the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

In this Bicentennial year, 1976, it is interesting to read an old letter from Mrs. Mary Jane Levan of Muncy, Pennsylvania explaining that Mary Adella Wallis Creighton's Great, Great Grandfather had left an unusual will. In this letter she states, "More than twenty years ago I saw a pamphlet containing the names of the heirs of the John Luckens estate. He was the first Surveyor General of Pennsylvania. In this will he stated that the lands not be divided until a propitious time or until they increased in value." The City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is built on much of the land now. The propitious time never came.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Creighton are buried in Grant Cemetery, Creighton, Missouri.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Creighton were: Lula Grace Creighton (February 28, 1875), Jane Amelia Creighton (September 16, 1877), Marcus Ralph Creighton (November 8, 1879), John Wallis Creighton (January 16, 1882).

MELVILLE ROGERS CREIGHTON

The Creighton family originated in Scotland. The name formerly was Crichton. The old home was Dunfries. The date at which the family emigrated to Ireland is unknown, but it must have been before the 17th Century. They settled in County Fermanagh. Hugh Creighton lived at Garbrattan, County Cavan and it was his son Robert who married Matilda Fox of Kilcoursey. The Fox family traces its lineage in an unbroken chain of descent from Niallus Magnus, the 126th Monarch of Ireland.

Robert Creighton and Matilda Fox made their home at Rice Hill near Calvin, County of Cavan, in Ireland. After Matilda died in Ireland, the family came to America in 1836. Their fourth child was John Brutus Creighton. The family lived in Adams County, Illinois and later came to Missouri in two covered wagons with a number of horses following. They settled in Cass County, north of the area which became the town of Creighton. Land was cheap, and quite a lot was purchased, often trading horses for land.

The John Brutus Creighton family had six children. One was James Henry Creighton, who was born Dec. 15, 1854. The family sold some of their land and moved to Holden for a short time; but news of the railroads coming brought them back to the Creighton area, where they built a house and started a store with their son, James Henry Creighton.

The village of Creighton thrived with the arrival of the Kansas City, Clinton, Springfield Railroad. John Brutus Creighton owned the land on which the town of Creighton was built. A friend, who lived in Harrisonville, was influential in naming the town "Creighton." As other stores came in the Creightons sold their store. James Henry Creighton built a house south of Creighton and purchased 400 acres of land on Grand River.

James Henry Creighton married Eva Price and the family had four children: Hobart Price Creighton, Clifford Talmage Creighton, Veta Creighton Cox and Eula Creighton Nelson.

Clifford Talmage Creighton married Hoyland Rogers and they lived south of Creighton and Urich before moving to Harrisonville in 1965. One child, Melville Rogers Creighton, was born to this union. He married Genevieve Lear Coover, of Urich, Mo. in January 1940. Mrs. Creighton's paternal family of (Kober — Cover — Coover) came to America and arrived Aug. 29, 1730 at Philadelphia on the ship, "Thistle of Glasgow." They were from the border of Switzerland and Germany and it is not known for sure whether they were Swiss or German. However, their closest friends were Swiss and their early associations would indicate that they were from Switzerland. They settled around Lancaster, Pennsylvania before coming to Missouri. Her maternal family of Lehr, later changed to Lear, came from Germany, settled around Franklin, Kentucky before they came to Missouri.

Melville Rodgers Creighton served his country during World War II in the Pacific zone. After his discharge he was Superintendent with the National Life and Accident Insurance Co., of Nashville, Tennessee in the area of Lexington, Mo. In 1953 he went to work for the State Farm Insurance Company and moved to Harrisonville, Mo. He is a past President of the American Legion, Lions Club and Civic Association. The reside at 1801 Wren, Harrisonville, Missouri.

LESLIE MILTON CROUCH SR. AND JR.

Leslie Milton Crouch Sr. was born 28 Dec. 1872 near Warsaw, Gallatin Co., Ky., died 22 Jan. 1966, Harrisonville, Mo. He married first 19 Nov. 1896, Harrisonville, Zadah Laura Pearson, daughter of William Dudley and Laura Corbin (Hidden) Pearson, born 25 July 1875, Harrisonville, died there 8 May 1945. Both are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. He married second 12 Feb. 1949 Mrs. Edna C. Groebe who survived him and now lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Leslie M. Crouch Sr. was son of Henry Elijah and Mary Ann (Connely) Crouch of Gallatin Co., Key.; grandson of Elijah and Sarah (Lady) Crouch of Washington Co., Tenn. and Gallatin Co., Ky., and of Granville Milton and Harriet H. (Conner) Connely of Boone and Gallatin Cos., Ky.; great-grandson of Jesse Crouch, Revolutionary soldier, and his wife Mary Nance from Henry Co., Va. to Washington Co., Tenn., of Thomas and Mary Connely from Augusta Co., Va. to Boone Co., Ky., of Samuel and Catherine (Spencer) Conner from Va. to Gallatin Co., Ky.

Mr. Crouch attended elementary school in Warsaw, Ky., high school in Carrollton, Ky., and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. where he graduated 1894 with an LLB degree. He came to Cass Co., Mo. at the urging of his uncle Charles Conner Connely who had earlier settled near Belton. He was admitted to the Cass Co. Bar 8 Jan. 1895 and opened an office in Pleasant Hill. That Fall he moved to Belton and some later formed a partnership with James M. Houston as Crouch & Houston. In Nov. 1902 he was elected Probate Judge for Cass Co. and moved to Harrisonville. After serving two four-year terms as Probate Judge he returned to private law practice until his retirement in 1955.

Judge Crouch was a devout Baptist, active in church work in both Belton and Harrisonville, was a Mason, Shriner, Knight Templar, and, above all, a highly respected, honored and loved citizen of Cass Co. all of his long life in the county.

Zadah Laura (Pearson) Crouch graduated from Harrisonville High School 1893. She also was a devout Baptist, a member of the Harrisonville Baptist Church since age 12, and consistently active in church work. She was a member of Eastern Star, of the Royal Neighbors, a charter member of the Progress Club, and was well known to all associates as an exceptional student of the Bible and an avid flower gardener.

Leslie M. and Zadah L. (Pearson) Crouch had two sons, William Pearson Crouch born 31 Mar. 1898, Belton, died there 3 Mar. 1902, buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, and Leslie Milton Crouch Jr. born 23 Aug. 1902, Belton.

L. M. Crouch, Jr., Leslie M. Crouch, Sr. and great grandson, Scott Kevin Crouch, Leslie M. Crouch, III.

L. M. Crouch Jr. graduated from Harrisonville High School 1920 and from the University of Mo. at Columbia receiving his law degree Jan. 1924. He was admitted to the Cass Co. Bar 7 Jan. 1924 and the firm of Crouch & Crouch (now Crouch, Crouch, Spangler & Douglas) was established 1 Feb. 1924. L. M. Crouch Jr. practiced law 51 years, retiring 1975. He is a member of the Missouri and American Bar Associations, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Pi Kappa Alpha, Mason, Shriner, member of Kiwanis over 50 years and was a member of the Kiwanis Quartet, was a member of the Missouri Commission on Higher Education 1963 to 1974 when he requested replacement, and has been active in civic organizations, community affairs and St. Peter's Episcopal Church through the years.

L. M. Crouch Jr. married first 30 Nov. 1935, Harrisonville, Dixie Faye Griffith born 17 Oct. 1912, Creighton, Mo., died 6 Nov. 1960, buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, daughter of Dr. Edgar McDonell and Georgia Beatrice (Cowan) Griffith; married second 12 Mar. 1966, Palm Beach, Fla., Mary Linwood (Blomeyer) Byram born 11 July 1907, Charleston, Mo., daughter of Edward Charles and Amma Josephine (Pottinger) Blomeyer and widow of Frank Fowler Byram, 1902-1956. The Crouch home, 909 E. Pearl St., is that bought by Mrs. Leslie M. Crouch Sr.'s father 1877, owned after his death by Judge and Mrs. Crouch and then by their son L. M. Crouch Jr.

Dixie Faye (Griffith) Crouch was a graduate of Harrisonville High School, Central Mo. State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., and as a laboratory technician of Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and active in church, club, civic and community affairs.

L. M. Jr. and Dixie F. (Griffith) Crouch had one son, Leslie Milton Crouch III born 14 Dec. 1936, Harrisonville. He married first 25 Nov. 1961, Cleveland, Ohio, Janet Lee Sebesky and they had two children, Scott Kevin Crouch born 23 Oct. 1964 and Lisa Dixie Crouch born 4 Mar. 1967; married second 1 Dec. 1973, San Diego, Calif., Diana Lynn Warwick. Leslie M. Crouch III attended Harrisonville schools and the University of Mo. at Columbia, receiving his law degree 1964 after serving two years in the Navy. After graduation he moved to San Diego, Calif. where he is now a member of the law firm of Crouch, McCarty & Bannasch.

WALTER W. CROW

Walter William Crow was born on a farm northwest of Ballard in Bates County, Missouri June 1, 1880.

His parents were William James Crow born in 1835 in Ruggles Twp., Ohio and Martha Jane Walker born 1844 in Fairfield, Iowa. They were married in 1861 in Unionville, Mo. Their first child, John Henry was born in 1862 in Fairfield, Iowa. In 1864 the Crows and a host of others went by covered wagon to Canon City, Colorado. Joseph Andrew, 1864 and Lewis A. 1866 were born in Canon City. In the spring of 1867 they came back to Missouri and settled in Johnson Co. near Pittsville. Here Isaac Franklin, 1867; Mary Lane, 1870; James D., 1873; Ida Nancy, 1875; and Cora Belle, 1878 were born. In 1879 the Crow family moved to a farm northwest of Ballard, Mo. where Walter William, 1880; Alva B., 1883; Effie May, 1885 and Herman Carl, 1888 were born. It was here that William James died in 1893 and was buried in the Cloud Cemetery near the Fairfield Baptist Church where William James and Martha were charter members. Martha Jane continued to live on the farm with her family until 1906 when she moved to Adrian, where she remained until her death in 1941. She is buried with her husband in the Cloud Cemetery. The farm near Ballard is still in the Crow family.

The lives of these children were varied. Their occupations included farming, railroad engineer, lawyer, banker, teachers and bookkeepers. After completing two years at the Teachers Normal in Warrensburg, Walter William taught for two years and then joined Hoover Brothers where he worked as a salesman for close to forty years. Walter married Nell G. Fulkerson of Defiance, Mo. in June, 1910. They had one son, Kenneth Lee, born March, 1911 and died March 1933. Nell died in 1918. In May 1922 Walter William married Nanny Clea Blocher (born 30 Nov. 1893), daughter of Joseph C. Blocher and Sarah Amanda Williams Blocher of Adrian, Mo. They had two daughters, Betty Sue, born 8 May 1923 while they were living in Kansas City, Mo. After moving to Belton in 1926, Mary Catherine was born 29 June 1927.

Although Walter's business kept him on the road, he managed to find time to serve on the Belton School Board and enjoy the livestock, fruit trees and grapes on their small farm at Belton. Walter died in December 1945 and is buried with his son, Kenneth, in the Belton Cemetery. His wife, Clea, still resides in Belton.

Betty Sue married Thomas Harrison Keeney (born 12 November 1920), son of Clarence Irvin and Esther Harrison Keeney. They have one son, Thomas William Keeney (born 29 December 1947). In 1967 he married Nancy Karen Kohler (born 25 April 1951) and they have two children; Carolyn Kay, born in February 1968 and Thomas William, Jr., born December 1969.

Mary Catherine is married to Ray William Young (born 19 May 1928), son of Burr W. and Marion Adams Young, of Grandview, Mo. They have three sons, Larry Ray (born 22 January 1954), Gary Lee (born 9 October 1956) and Dennis William (born 20 October 1960). In August 1975, Larry Ray married Susan Diane Schmill (born November 1956).

Betty Sue and Mary Catherine and their families all reside in Belton where it is hoped their children will help to shape the future of Cass County.

HENRY DAHMAN

Henry Dahman arrived on Ellis Island from Strasbourg, Germany in 1855 at the age of 14 and with his family, which included several brothers and sisters and father and mother, settled near Beardstown, Illinois. At an early age he, and other members of the family, ventured to Cass County, Missouri where he homesteaded 160 acres of land near the town of Gunn City. After establishing his claim he returned to Illinois to marry Miss Mary DuVall, whom he then moved to Missouri. The DuValls and Dahmans from the same general area of Germany, had long been friends and had subsequently settled in Illinois near Jacksonville. Children born to Henry Dahman and Mary DuVall include: Hannah — married Elmer Gilleland; Millie — married John Schmoll; George W. — married Vallie J. DeVore; Elizabeth — died at age 14; Henry — married Ida Yoder; Clara — married John Reed, later married Rollin Zook; Addie — married Lee Harris.

Henry Dahman and his sister-in-law, Jane DuVall, ardent admirers of President Lincoln, are credited for leading many torch light rallies on behalf of the Republican Party in Cass County. Henry Dahman added several acres to the original homestead, part of which is now the Gunn City Cemetery where Henry, wife Mary, and daughter, Elizabeth, are buried. Several grandchildren from the above Dahman family still reside in and near Cass County.

DALE FAMILY

The ancestors of Sam Dale of Freeman, Mo. date back to early Virginia days.

Great-grandfather George Dale of the "Old Dominion" was a Revolutionary War soldier and present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

After the war he went west into Kentucky, then later into Indiana where he exchanged one pound of feathers for one acre of land.

Grandfather Samuel Dale of Indiana came to Cass Co. in 1866 and settled on a farm southeast of West Line, Mo. where he and his wife died. He was the father of twelve sons. Douglas Dale, his eldest son, was one time sheriff of Cass Co. then Representative to the State Legislature from Cass Co. from 1880-1882.

Sydnor Dale, father of Sam Dale of this sketch, was the youngest of the twelve sons. He was a carpenter by trade.

He was married to Laura Clark and started their home in Freeman, Mo. They were parents of six children, two dying in early childhood. They attended Freeman school and the Presbyterian church.

Sam, the youngest, started to work at the Freeman pipe-line station after high school and was Operating Supervisor there when he retired in 1970 after 45 years of service.

Sam was married in 1934 to Frances Laningham, daughter of Edward and Mary Ellen Laningham. They have one daughter, Mary Ann (Dale) Davenport and one granddaughter, Leigh Ann Davenport. Sam's hobbies are fishing and travel-trailer trips. He owns and lives in the parental home in Freeman, Mo.

The Sam Dale Family.

Walter, the eldest son of Sydnor and Laura (Clark) Dale is a veteran of World War I. He married Mary Barnes of Oklahoma and they were parents of two daughters, Barbara, who married Ralph Detwiler and Darlene, who married Doyle Miller. Darlene was an adopted daughter. There are four grandchildren: Lisa and Dale Detwiler, Don and Allen Miller.

Walter was a cabinet maker. He died in 1967.

Helen Dale was married to George DeHaven of Pennsylvania. There was one daughter, Rita Dale (DeHaven) Welsh. There are three grandchildren: Jennifer, Kathy, and Laurie Welsh. They reside in California.

Lucille, the eldest child of Sydnor and Laura (Clark) Dale, was educated in Freeman School. At 18 years of age she took the county teacher's examination and taught two years in the primary room of Freeman school, then a new brick building. She was married to Thomas Cleveland Bundy in 1910 and moved to the Bundy farm east of Lisle, Mo. Here they reared a family of four children who attended Coldwater rural school, Drexel and Freeman high schools and college. The three girls became Cass Co. school teachers.

There are six grandchildren: Carroll Quinn, David Branaman, Dennis Adkins, Anna Lee and twin brothers, William Harley and Robert Cleveland Bundy. There are five great-grandchildren: Diana, Vincent and twin sisters, Sonya and Tonya Branaman and Abbey Bundy.

Lucille is a member of the Drexel Baptist Church and a charter member of the Lisle Home Extension Club and the Cass County Historical Society. Her hobbies are genealogy and keeping yearly journals.

Sam Dale also has a Clark-Harris heritage. The Clarks and Harrises came to Mo. early from Virginia. Sam's grandfather, D. M. Clark, was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. While he was away his wife, Mary Ellen (Harris) took her four little boys, her mother and teenage brother in an oxcart when Order No. 11 was given in 1863 and fled to Lexington, Mo., a safe place.

Sam's great, great-grandfather, Reuben Harris, was a Revolutionary War soldier and father of Fleming Harris who was commissioned to sell the first lots in Harrisonville.

MATTHEW DALE, JR.

The earliest authentic Dale history dates back only to April 7, 1793 when Squire Dale was born in Tennessee. He was married to Elizabeth Smith (born 1795) on July 1, 1811 and they were the parents of eight children.

In 1823 he entered a tract of land in Boone County, Indiana on the Eel River, which was an unbroken wilderness. Squire and Elizabeth were charter members of the "Old Union Christian Church" which was organized in 1838.

Matthew Dale, fifth child of Squire and Elizabeth, was born in Lawrence County, Indiana on May 4, 1820. He married Frankey Ann Reese (born July 19, 1823), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Crook Strange Reese, the Reese family having originated in Wales. The Reeses were very quiet and unassuming and were musically and poetically inclined. John Reese, Frankey's brother, wrote the song, "Nearer Home," which was sung at William Jennings Bryans' funeral.

Matthew and Frankey were the parents of ten children, all reared in Boone County and educated at the old "Dale School." After Squires' death on March 8, 1848, Elizabeth, known as "Granny," made her home with Matthew and his family. This is one of her stories of the family.

"Sir Thomas Dale was the stern, harsh Governor of Virginia from 1611 to 1616. He abolished "Communism," hanged the evil-doers and transformed the country into a thriving and orderly colony. In 1616, he returned to England but later migrated to India where he died."

Matthew Dale, Jr., youngest of ten children born to Matthew, Sr. and Frankey Ann Reese Dale, was born October 19, 1862 in Boone County, Indiana. He was about fifteen months old when his mother died in March of 1864, and about twelve years old when his father died on November 14, 1874. Both parents, as well as Squire and Elizabeth were buried in the old Dale Cemetery in the woods west of their home.

Matthew, Jr. came to Missouri in 1878 when he was sixteen years old and settled in Sherman Township, Cass County, working on the farm of his future father-in-law. He married Matilda Minerva Coe (born April 10, 1871, Cass County), daughter of David P. and Harriet Parsons Coe, on March 1, 1886 when Matilda was a little less than sixteen years of age. On the court records at Harrisonville is the record of Matilda's father giving his consent to the marriage. They established their home on a farm south, and adjoining the Coe farm, about a mile and one-half north of Grand River. Matthew and Matilda both lived their entire married life on their original tract of land.

The Dale two-story home was built in 1892 of brick made on the farm and was patterned after the usual style of Indiana brick homes, with three bedrooms upstairs and a living room, parlor and kitchen downstairs. A fireplace in the living room supplied the heat for that room, a "King Heater" for the parlor and the old wood range, with the reservoir on the back, in the kitchen. The cellar was under the parlor, with a long fruit and vegetable bin along one side. Each fall the bin was filled with apples (mostly Ben Davis and Genetians) and potatoes, and in a good season, turnips and cabbage.

Matthew and Matilda were the parents of eleven children, all native Cass Countians, but only six grew to adulthood. Matilda died on February 20, 1911, leaving her husband and six children. Charles, the oldest son, married Zella Snow March 5, 1911. Mark, the next son, was a street car conductor in Kansas City. The Dale family home was demolished by a devasting tornado on June 15, 1912 but none of the family was seriously injured.

Matthew's second marriage was to Minnie Talbot, of the Dayton community, on December 4, 1914. He died on October 10, 1921 of injuries received when he was thrown by a horse and was buried beside Matilda in the Byler Cemetery in Cass County.

JAMES DAVENPORT

The Davenports were originally English. Two brothers came to America in the early settlement of the colonies, one settled in Washington County, Virginia. Names and dates are not all ascertained until Julias Terry Davenport was born February 15, 1780. He had an older brother, Clayborne Davenport, who wanted to enlist in the Revolutionary War but his parents thought he was too young. He ran away and joined at age 16. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, later was captured as an English prisoner. He escaped, somehow with his gun, and this gun has been handed down through the family.

November 16, 1809, Julias Terry married Mary Dolan. Children of Julias and Mary Dolan Terry were James, who was born September 19, 1810 and passed away March 30, 1860. Others were David, Garner, Wilson, Mary (Noel), Susannah, Sarah, and Jule. From Virginia they came to Rhea County, Tennessee. In 1833, they must have come by covered wagon to Johnson County, Missouri and settled at Rose Hill near Latour, Mo.

James Davenport married Francis Jane Rader June 9, 1842. Their children were; Mary (Green); Sarah (Musick); Henry Farmer; Mirriam Ann (Hammond); Martha Judson (Zion); Amanda Jane (McKean); James Alice (Davenport). James Davenport had lived in Johnson County, Missouri for five years before the Rader family came in 1838. James brought his young wife to Cass County, Missouri west of Freeman. The story is told, as they came he showed her two blackjack trees in the distance and told her that was where they would make their home. He entered 500 acres of land and built a log cabin on the south breakes of Pony Creek. This writer is in possession of two receipts for land, 80 acres W ½ SE ¼ Township 44 Range 33 Section 15 for $100 and 40 acres SW ¼ of NE ¼ Township 44 Range 33 Section 15 for $50. Indians were here at this time and they would come into the log cabin, sit on the floor, and the squaws would let the papooses out from under the blankets to crawl around.

James died in 1860. His widow and children had to leave during Order No. 11. She came back on horseback from Independence, Missouri, and was relieved to find the homestead still standing even though the doors and windows were missing. They returned to the home after the Civil War. James' widow married William Warriner September 3, 1863. One son, William Clyde, was born.

Henry Farmer married Mary Davidson in 1871. Their children were: James Walter, a Baptist Minister; Ethel May (Williams); William Henry and Hennrietta (Weller) twins; Frank; and Oliver Bertis.

Oliver Bertis married Nellie Estelle Duncan February 27, 1907. They were prominent farmers who lived one mile west of the original homestead. They had been married 57 years when Nellie lost her life burning trash in 1964. Oliver Bertis (Bert) passed away in 1973. They were parents of two children: Dortha Corine, who married William Dewey Crook, and lives south of West Line, Missouri and has three children: Robert Leroy, Barbara Joyce and Linda Kaye; and Lloyal Dean, who married Anna Lee Myers. They farm north of Drexel, Missouri and have three sons, David Dean, Edward Lee and Paul Eugene.

WILLIAM P. DAVIDSON

William P. Davidson's grandfather came to Virginia from Ireland. Shipwrecked on the voyage, in a small boat with the survivors according to family tradition, he drew the lot to be eaten, but his life was spared when land was sighted. By one wife in Va. he had Henry P. and other children. He is said to have migrated with another wife to Kentucky and to have raised a second family there. Henry P. Davidson, son of Imigrant Davidson, lived on a 300 acre farm at Rye Cove near the Clinch River in Scott Co., Va. He married 1st Mary "Polly" Taylor daughter of Nimrod Taylor, a Revolutionary soldier under the immediate command of Washington when Cornwallis surrendered and is listed in *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution by John H. Gwathmey.* Henry's children were: Henry Jr., d. battle of Shreveport, La., unmarried; Nimrod died of typhoid at 21; James, died in Union Army Prison; Nancy; William and John N.

William was born in Scott Co., Va., Dec. 26, 1822 died Cass Co., Mo., Sept. 26, 1898. Buried at Freeman. He married 1st Lucy Zion, daughter of William Zion and Polly Franse (an aunt of Peter France). Children: *Mary (Mollie)* born 1848 in Va. died Mar. 1877 buried Freeman. Married 1st Chas. R. McGill, died 1873, a Civil War Vet. Children: Annie Lu and Chas. H. Married 2nd Thomas G. McGill, brother of Charles. No children; Annie Lu, born Apr. 29, 1870, died Mar. 22, 1947, Seattle Wash., married Rev. Eugene Jerard of Cass Co.; Chas. H., born Freeman, Apr. 1872, married Lily Hook, daughter of Thomas M. and Margaret Bentley. No children. Buried Freeman. *Rebecca,* born in Va., Mar. 31, 1850, died Mar. 6, 1920 in Kansas City, Mo., married Dr. John Wesley Colburn, born Dec. 2, 1842 at Pleasant Hill, Mo., son of John Wesley of Tenn. who settled near Pleasant Hill about 1840. Children: Mary Kate, born Dec. 8, 1879, died June 24, 1945, married Luther Lawrence of Harrisonville; John Wesley III, born Mar. 16, 1876, died Aug. 31, 1943, married Mar. 11, 1903, Jessamine Stevenson "Stevie" Allen, daughter of J. T. and Jane McCampbell. Was treasurer of Cass Co.; Leora Ethel, born Oct. 4, 1879, died May 25, 1937, married Chas. W. Richardson; Jesse Franklin, born Oct. 19, 1881, lived in Chicago; George Clemens, born Mar. 21, 1883, died Harrisonville, May 12, 1930, graduated K.C. School of Law, a farmer, married July 24, 1909 Nannie Chinn, born Lexington, Mo., Apr. 12, 1883; *Thomas Jefferson,* died age 4. The family came to Cass in 1852. Lucy died in 1854. She and the son are buried in Brady. William married 2nd Elizabeth A. Duvall, widow of William D. Duvall and daughter of David Stark, in 1861. He joined the Confederate Army being a Captain under Price. Under Order No. 11 Elizabeth with the five children fled to Kansas living with Indians, then into Clay County where the house was burned because of a disagreement between their landlord and a neighbor. They then returned to the Baptist Church in Harrisonville until the end of the war. William was a POW at Little Rock, Ark. and walked home at the close of the war. William and Elizabeth had a daughter, Glenora "Nora", married James F. Lynn; child William. Nora attended Baird College at Clinton, Mo. and died in 1894. William, born Aug. 11, 1892, died Dec. 17, 1918, lived with the David Duvall family after the death of his grandfather. The Davidson's were members of the Grand River Baptist Church.

William P. is buried in Freeman as are most of the Colburns and McGills. Elizabeth A. is buried in Freeman with her first husband, William D. Duvall. William P. is buried on the Lynn lot.

HOGAN M. DAVIS

Hogan Masterson Davis was born March 17, 1854, on a farm four miles north of Holden, Missouri. His parents were Samuel Finley Davis and Leannah Masterson Davis, who moved to Holden, Mo. from Kentucky. Hogan was named in honor of the Rev. David Hogan, a prominent Cumberland Presbyterian minister of that time. Hogan had four brothers and three sisters.

Hogan M. Davis and Miss Loretta Delilah Griffith were united in marriage on December 19, 1883, at the home of her parents, John Wilson Griffith and Catherine Hidy Griffith. She was born near Jeffersonville, Ohio, in Fayette County, and came with her parents to the farm two and one-half miles east of Peculiar. Her father was a farmer and stockman.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis established their home on a farm adjacent to Peculiar on the north. They owned land where Peculiar now stands and also to the east, where in 1901 they built an eleven-room house where they lived forty years. It was named "Maple View Farm."

Mr. Davis worked as a traveling salesman and then as farmer. Early in the 1900's he became a stockholder in the Cass County Bank. He was vice-president until 1934, and then served as president until his retirement in 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were parents of five children: Harold Masterson, who died in infancy; Mrs. T. H. P. Colburn (Mildred Katheryn), deceased; Ethel Loretta deceased; W. Ward Davis of Pasadena, California; and Frank Russell Davis, Peculiar.

The oldest daughter, Mildred, born at Peculiar, September 25, 1885, was educated in music and was active in church and Sunday School work all her life. Mildred was married to T. H. P. Colburn on February 2, 1960. She passed away on August 19, 1966.

Ethel Loretta Davis was born in Peculiar, Missouri on November 1, 1887. She was a graduate of Park College. She served in China as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. from 1916 to 1951. Her work was that of a teacher and evangelist. She was one of the last of the missionaries to leave Hunan after the Communist occupation, having been held there as a prisoner in her own home for a year and a half.

She came out through Hong Kong in September, 1951. She passed away in 1965 at the age of 78, and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif.

W. Ward Davis was born at Peculiar April 3, 1891. He attended Peculiar School and was graduated from Park College, Parkville, Mo., in 1914 with an A.B. degree. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister by the Presbytery of Chicago, April 24, 1918. Ward was married to Miss Eva Williams of Kansas City on June 1, 1918. They went to China as missionaries in 1918. They were stationed in Siangton, Hunan Province in September, 1919. They were in the U.S.A. one year in 1923-1924. They returned to China for three more years and returned to this country in 1927.

They have three children. Rev. Harold M. Davis was born in Kuling, China in 1921. He is married and has a family of four children. He now lives in Golden, Colorado, and is pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. He is a graduate of Park College.

Emily Jean, now Mrs. William C. Gresham, was born in Kansas City in 1923. She now lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, and has a family of four children. She is a graduate of Park College.

Audrey Ann, now Mrs. Norman L. Hardwick, was born in Siangton, China, in 1926. She now lives in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a family of three children. She is also a graduate of Park College.

Ward Davis is now assistant pastor of Community Church, San Marino, California, in part time work.

Frank R. Davis was born at Peculiar, Missouri, August 25, 1893. He lived at Peculiar all of his life and was a farmer. In 1922 he was married to Miss Jennie Fowler of Peculiar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler. They made their home on a farm west of Harrisonville in 1930. They had one son, Frank Eugene Davis, born February 25, 1928 at Harrisonville, Missouri. Frank is a graduate of Missouri University. He married Dorothy Hayes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urton Hayes of Peculiar and they have two sons, Frank William and James Wesley. They make their home in Butler, Mo. but still own and operate his parents home west of Harrisonville.

Hogan M. Davis died in 1949 at the age of 96 years. His wife preceded him in death in 1939.

JOHN ALEXANDER DAVIS, JR.

John Alexander Davis, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Davis, was born in Middleton, Kentucky. At the age of three his parents came to eastern Cass County where he grew to manhood and was well known as a young baseball short-stop. He came to Harrisonville in 1886 and met Miss Eva Beattie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Beattie. They were married Oct. 9, 1890, and built their home on West Wall Street next to Dr. Beattie's home. They had one daughter, Martha Stuart. After seven years they purchased the Mockbee House, which they remodeled, planted many elm trees and registered "Elmhurst" with the County Court.

Mr. Davis was a public spirited citizen and his special dream was a municipal water plant. He felt that a business man needed law knowledge so he entered the office of his brother-in-law, Judge Robert T. Railey, and studied law. He was admitted to the Cass County Bar and was a member at his death. He was local attorney for the Missouri Pacific and M. K. and T. Railroads.

In 1893, Mr. Davis, thinking of municipal water, bought a tract of land to the north of the city from the Bank of Harrisonville. In 1906 Mr. Davis, George Bird, and R. W. Adams formed a company and built a 30 acre lake there, one of the most attractive lakes in the county. Mr. Davis bought out George Bird and obtained controlling interest in the company. The city did not want municipal ownership at this time, so after a popular vote, granted Mr. Davis a 20 year franchise for a water plant. In 1930 the city built a larger lake to the east of Lake Luna, bought the water plant, and in 1938 bought Lake Luna and made it a part of the municipal water system.

Mr. Davis took his family to the State of California, the first vacation in 32 years of working out his dream of a municipal water system. Mrs. Davis sat in the rear seat and "muttered" to herself as she memorized her work as Worthy Matron of Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their daughter, Mrs. Johnson, were all members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Mr. Davis was a member of the Vestry. Mrs. Davis played the organ for 50 years and with Mrs. A. S. Deacon organized the first boys' choir.

Mr. Davis became interested in the "new" concrete. He conceived the idea of erecting a business house entirely of concrete. This became the New Method Laundry building and was the only building in the county composed entirely of concrete. He also ran a small concrete plant, making tiles and concrete bricks. The machine that made the bricks is in the possession of Jim Thompson, who bought Elmhurst in 1971.

Mr. Davis had five Jersey cows — really pets. He just called and they came.

He also had developed a fine strain of Single Comb White Leghorn chickens and had taken many prizes at the county shows. When he retired he started a Record of Performance experiment with the University of Missouri. This did well until Mr. Davis' death in 1943. His daughter, Martha Stuart Johnson, felt it should be continued so took it over. With the guidance of Noel Hall of the University of Missouri Poultry Department and four years of very hard study and work this flock made the highest record of performance record in the United States.

Dr. Beattie was one of eight men who formed a company and built the Harrisonville Hotel. He bought out the others and became sole owner. His son-in-law, Mr. Davis, looked after his interests and made improvements in the Hotel. At Dr. Beattie's death Mr. and Mrs. Davis became owners of the Hotel, which has been in continuous operation since 1883.

Mr. Davis died January 7, 1943, and Mrs. Davis died November 22, 1951, both at Elmhurst, and both are buried in Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville.

REDMOND J. DAVIS

Redmond Julius Davis, son of Charles and Eliza McCorkle Davis, was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 6, 1864. Redmond Davis and Sarah Victoria Davis were married December 14, 1898. Victoria was born October 21, 1878 in Cedar

County, Missouri. She was the daughter of John T. and Lucinda (O'Conner) Davis.

Redmond worked at the brickyard which is located one and one-half miles southwest of Harrisonville. Their home was just north of the brickyard.

Redmond and Victoria had seven children: Lottie (Hatten), Bule, Otto, Russell, Rosa Mae (Creager), Dick and Opal (Young).

Lottie graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1918. She attended college in Warrensburg, Missouri, and taught school for several years. On January 10, 1925, she married Ira J. Hatten and they moved to Hoxie, Kansas. Their son, Bruce, died at the age of six. Their daughter, Rose Marie (Mrs. Carroll Hoefer) lives in Great Bend, Kansas. Lottie died at her home in Harrisonville on November 19, 1940.

Bule Davis worked at the brickyard all of his adult life. On September 17, 1923, he and Irene Clapper of Holden, Missouri were married. They were parents of three children: Dorothy (Mrs. Glenn Holder), Kansas City, Missouri; Carl K. Davis, Springfield, Missouri; Bessie (Mrs. W. R. Chisler), Holden, Missouri. Bule died in a machinery accident at the brickyard in 1947. Irene Davis died in May, 1970.

Otto Davis left home when he was around sixteen. He died of pneumonia in a Colorado hospital in 1942.

Russell Davis lived at home until after the death of his mother in 1944. He then lived with his sisters, Rosa and Opal. He worked at the brickyard until his health began to fail and then went to work as salesman for Capper Publications. Russell died in Harrisonville in 1947.

Rosa Mae lived in Cass County all of her life. She married Chester A. Wass on November 9, 1927. They were parents of one daughter, Sybil (Mrs. J. B. Coke), Harrisonville. She later married Loyd Barnes and they were parents of a son, Allen Barnes, Butler, Missouri. Rosa Mae died at her home in Harrisonville, September 28, 1970 at age fifty-nine.

Richard E. (Dick) Davis spent all of his life in Cass County, except for time spent in C.C.C. Camps in the 1930's and the U.S. Army during World War II. Dick died in Harrisonville on March 3, 1953.

Opal lived all her life in Cass County. She married Oscar Alburtis on July 11, 1935. They had one son, Bennie, who lives in Harrisonville. Oscar died in 1939 from an injury he received while working at the brickyard. Opal married Herschel Young in 1958. Opal died in Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri in January, 1974.

Redmond Davis died at his home southwest of Harrisonville on March 25, 1940. Victoria Davis died in Harrisonville on January 24, 1944.

SAMUEL FINLEY DAVIS

Samuel F. Davis was born in Kentucky in 1818. He married Leannah Masterson of Kentucky. They moved near Holden, Missouri where they lived until after Leannah Davis' death in 1872. The family then moved to Cass County, locating on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of old Peculiar.

There were eight children in the family, five boys and three girls. The oldest of the girls, Bettie Davis Cooper, had the responsibility of "mothering" the family and kept them together until all were grown.

William Alfred Davis married Miss Ada Worden. They had three sons and went to Garnett, Kansas to live. He died in 1894 and is buried there.

James Finley Davis was born at Holden, Missouri in 1846 and died October 18, 1935. He married Miss Lyda Bishop. They had a son, Samuel Davis, and two daughters, Mayme Davis Ginter and Lea Davis. The parents then moved to Willow Springs, Missouri. Sam worked in the Cass County Bank for some time, then went to Oklahoma where he had interest in a petroleum company. Mayme worked in the Cass County Bank, then left Peculiar for a business career. Lea was a graduate of Park College at Parkville and then took nurse's training and became an R.N. and taught nursing in a college at Commerce, Texas. They are now retired in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Sam died in 1964.

Bettie Davis Cooper was born at Holden, November 26, 1848 and died in Peculiar February 25, 1935, at the home of her brother, Young Davis. In 1891 she married Nathan Ed Cooper. He died in 1901 at their home a short distance east of Peculiar.

Robert Given Davis married Miss Tillie Azdell. They had four children, two sons dying quite young. A son, Ira M. Davis, lives in Monmoth, Illinois, and a daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Weathers. They live at Urbana, Missouri on a farm and Marietta taught school until she retired in 1967. The father, R. G. Davis, died February 12, 1935. They have a daughter, Bettie T., who teaches school, is married and lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mary Jane Davis Rodgers died in 1938 at West Plains, Missouri, where she lived for many years with her husband, Robert Rodgers, and son and family.

Hogan M. Davis, born March 17, 1854, died in his home in Harrisonville, Missouri, December 7, 1949.

Young Ewing Davis was born in 1863 and died in his home in Peculiar in 1946. He married Miss Lula Holt and they had a family of five children.

Martha Ann (Mattie) Davis was born in Holden in 1860. She passed away in March, 1933, at Willow Springs in the home of her brother, James F. Davis.

The father, Samuel Finley Davis, passed away in May, 1900.

The family is all buried in Peculiar Cemetery, except W. A. Davis, who is buried at Garnett, Kansas.

SOLON DEMETRIUS DAVIS

Solon Demetrius Davis born in Bolton, New York in 1836 was a fifth son of Lensey and Esther (Shedd) Davis. He was from a family of 13 children. His grandfather, John Davis, came to America from England in early 1700's and settled in Vermont.

Solon D. served as a Union soldier in the Civil War, from 1862 to 1864, taken prisoner at Brandy Station, Virginia in 1863 and held in prison pens at Richmond, Belle Isle, Andersonville, and Savannah. In Sept., 1865 he married Eliza O'Brian and came to Cass County, Mo., settling two and one-

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Davis.

half miles southwest of Harrisonville, Mo. A daughter, Rena, was born in 1867, died in 1895. Eliza died in 1867. In 1869, he married Clarinda Dailey, born in 1844. She was the sixth child of a family of ten. She died in 1937, Solon D. died in 1919; both are buried in Burford Cemetery southwest of Harrisonville, Mo.

They were parents of six children: Albert E. (1870-1957), a farmer and rural mail carrier, married Vercie Hammond (1876-1963) and Thelma P. (1896---) now Mrs. Amos Skrutvold, living in St. Louis, Mo. and Howard W. (1899-1967), married Vera Cunningham and they had two sons, John W. and Charles. Albert E. is buried in Orient Cemetery and Vercie in St. Louis, Mo. Howard W. is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank J. (1872-1963) was a farmer, carpenter and mail carrier. He married Alameda Scott (1875-1957), a native of Sharpsburg, Kentucky, had eight children: Lena O. (1896---) who married Grover C. Adams (1889-1974), buried in Orient Cemetery. Willard Lee (1898-1949), a farmer, married Mayme I. Schulz (1901-1973) and had Ray E., Goodland, Kansas; Wilma Nickelson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Willard Lee, Jr., Virginia Taylor, George W., all of Abilene, Kansas. Willard L. and Mayme I. are buried in Abilene, Kansas.

E. Jeanetta (1901---) married William Schulz (1897---), a farmer and had Mildred Miller, Peculiar, Mo., Robert E., Louisburg, Kansas; William J., Richards, Mo.

Philip S. (1903-1972), a barber, married Grace M. Barr (1902---), parents of three children: Betty Ruth McClain, Nevada, Mo.; Philip Barr, Hitchita, Okla.; Joseph N., Blue Springs, Mo. Philip S., buried in Nevada, Mo.

Harriett L. (1907-1972) married John O. Sullivan (1903-1959). They had a son, John Davis, who was killed at the age of 20 years in a car accident. All are buried at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Frank J., Jr. (1910---) married T. Hazel Lewis (1913---). He served in U.S. Air Force 1or 23 years, living in Hastings, Nebraska, three children: Margaret Johnson, McCook, Nebraska; Michelle Cornell, at present time in the Philippine Islands; Frank III, Hastings, Nebraska.

Alameda B. (1913---) married Stanley Cox, a jeweler (1893-1973), buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

James R. (1914---), carpenter, married Marie Wright (1919---). He served in U.S. Army during World War II. Three daughters: Donna Sue Buerge, living in Harrisonville; Mary Alice Wayman; Bonnie Jean Clark, lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Esther Jane Davis (1875-1966) married Walter Hargis (1874-1955) and had four children: Earl (1897-1923); Mildred and Denver died in infancy; Leslie R., now living in California. Walter and Esther buried in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lensey M. Davis (1877-1958) married Violette Frost (1875-1957), one son, Willis Denver died in infancy. Lensey and Violette buried in Lees Summit, Mo.

Lura Etta (1880-1901), buried in Burford Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth (1882-1924) married Chester Williams (1882-1924), two children: Everett Dale and Helen Olga, both living in California. Mary E. and Chester buried in Orient Cemetery.

All of Solon D. Davis' children attended the Belle Plaine one room school. All were born on the Davis farm two and one-half miles southwest of Harrisonville, Mo.

JOHN BEVERLY ROBINSON DEACON

John Beverly Robinson Deacon was born in Picton, Prince Edward's Co., Ontario, Canada, November 26, 1826. He was a son of Andrew Gordon and Amanda (Cory) Deacon. His father, a native of Quebec and his grandfather, Thomas Deacon, was a native of Ireland. Thomas Deacon's wife, a native of England, born at Newcastle on the Tyne, was descended from English ancestry and could trace her ancestry back to King Alfred the Great. She was born in Ballston Spa, New York, March 19, 1800 and moved to Hellier, Ontario with her parents.

Her marriage to Andrew Gordon Deacon occurred at Hillier, Apr. 19, 1820. In 1849 they left Canada and located in Waukegan, Ill., where they remained until 1853. In that year they moved to Fon du Lac, Wisc. and resided there until they moved to Harrisonville, Mo. in the fall of 1869. Mr. Deacon's death occurred there Apr. 19, 1870 in the 75th year of his age and on his 50th wedding anniversary. His wife died in March 1880, aged eighty years.

John B. R. Deacon continued to reside in Canada where his education was obtained in the common (public) schools. He had been engaged in farming, milling and merchandising in Canada, and when, in 1864, he decided to come to the United States, he removed to Harrisonville, Mo. and engaged in business as a general merchant, establishing his location in that town, his parents removed there where they spent the remainder of their lives. At that time, Harrisonville had but 800 inhabitants with no mercantile or banking facilities.

When he reached Pleasant Hill he found he could obtain no horse to carry him to Harrisonville so he was compelled to walk the entire distance of twelve miles fording unbridged streams. For the first four years of his business here, his goods had to be carted from Pleasant Hill, as the railroad was not built until 1869. The post office was located in the upper story of the court house and was accessible only by a ladder. Harrisonville was then a military post and as the town was filled with soldiers, every house was packed to its fullest capacity. In 1865 Mr. Deacon erected a house on W. Wall St., the lumber

for which was hauled by ox team from Pleasant Hill. The general merchandising business which he started gradually developed into an extensive hardware and implement house, and was located on the southwest corner of the west side of the square.

Mr. Deacon remained as sole proprietor of the establishment until 1869, when he admitted a brother, Andrew G. Deacon, into partnership. In 1868, another brother, Eliakim C. Deacon, came to Harrisonville and entered the firm. It was known as Deacon Brothers until the retirement of John in 1887. Mr. Deacon was an attendant upon the services and a liberal contributor to the support of St. Peter's Episcopal Church which was organized in the front room of the Deacon home. Always interested in the growth of Harrisonville, he was one of the original stockholders of the Harrisonville Hotel and he built a tile factory and a creamery.

He was married Oct. 26, 1853 at Brighton, Canada to Flavia A. Proctor, daughter of a well-known family there. They were the parents of five children, three of whom died within ten days in Canada in 1863. They were also parents of twins, Allie and John. In 1886, Allie became the wife of Wm. Leonard Burney, an attorney in Harrisonville. Mr. and Mrs. Burney became the parents of three children, Flavia America (married Lt. Col. F. N. Chilton, Harrisonville); Travis Deacon Burney (married Ethel Graham) and Mary Ruth (married Harry Pearson II, Harrisonville).

Mr. Deacon died March 5, 1910 at the home of his daughter, Allie, where he and his wife had lived after he sustained a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Deacon died in 1914.

Mr. and Mrs.
W. H. Dealy.

W. H. DEALY

William H. Dealy came to Cass County from Jackson County, Missouri and settled near Coleman, Missouri around 1890.

He was born in 1861 and was the grandson of David and Rebecca (Mills) Dealy, who settled in Jackson County in 1823, near Sibley. David Dealy was one of the earliest settlers in that county and is given credit for the first breaking of sod on the prairie in Jackson County.

Mr. Dealy married Lucy Bradley, who was born in 1863 in Jackson County, Missouri.

In 1916 Mr. Dealy was elected sheriff of Cass County.

In 1917 his wife, Lucy, became ill and died.

After his term of office, he moved to Kansas City. There he owned various hotels and apartment houses.

Only one of Mr. Dealy's children is still living. He is J. Ivy Dealy and lives in Diamond Bar, California with his son, Albert Dealy.

Mr. Dealy's other son, Charles A. Dealy, lived all his life in Cass County. His widow, Mrs. Willa Dealy, and his daughter, Mrs. Florence McCord, are now living in Harrisonville, Missouri.

One daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dealy, Cora, married L. O. Denny. Her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Foster is now living in Harrisonville, Missouri. Her son, Charles, lives in St. Louis, John lives in Wentzville, and Lisle O. Denny lives in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Mr. Dealy's other daughter, Blanch, lived in Kansas City, Missouri until her death. Her daughter, Vivian, lives in Denver and her son, Eddie Lavo, lives in south Missouri.

Mr. Dealy took great pride in his farm background. His final days were spent in the farm home of his son, Charles A. Dealy, where he was cared for until his death in 1936.

GILBERT DEAN

Gilbert Dean was born April 27, 1840 near Lancaster in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War and married Ann Emundson in Huntington County, Indiana on November 8, 1866. He brought his young family to Cass County, Missouri in 1870 in company with the Dean family. They lived in a log cabin for many years. Five small children are buried beside their parents in Sharon Cemetery. Gilbert Dean raised four children near Drexel, Missouri. They were 1. Camellia Dean, who married Henry Scott and lived in Aurora, Missouri. 2. John Dean (1878-1957) who married Viola Irish and lived on the Gilbert Dean family place until his death. 3. Lulu Dean, who married Earl Porter and lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 4. Roscoe Dean, who married Jennie Marsh and lived in Louisburg, Kansas.
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JOHN DEAN SR.

After the Civil War was over, John Dean, of Huntington County, Indiana, made a trip West to look for a place to settle. His children had young families and he wished to provide homes and land for each of them, so he visited a cousin in Kansas City who advised him to purchase land there for $1.25 an acre. Since John Dean was looking for farm land he looked the country over and decided to buy land in Cass County for $1.00 an acre. The year was 1868. He bought land for each of his children and himself, then returned to Indiana to prepare for the move to Missouri, east of the present town of Drexel.

John Dean was born January 18, 1813 in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Richard and Jane Dean and the grandson of James and Sarah Dean who lived in or near Philadelphia during the Revolution. Richard Dean removed to Fairfield County, Ohio about 1816. John Dean married, in Fairfield County, Rachael Hite, daughter of Abraham and Barbara Pugh Hite, on November 29, 1835. They settled near her parents in Richland Township and became prosperous raising black Kentucky race horses.

In 1863 the John Dean family moved to Huntington County, Indiana where they bought land and lived until they moved to Cass County, Missouri. When they came to Missouri, they journeyed to St. Louis by covered wagon where they crossed the Missouri River by flatboat Then they traveled to Booneville where they crossed the Missouri again by flatboat. A final crossing of the Missouri River was made at the ferry crossing at Kansas City. Those who brought wagons loaded with all of their possessions to Missouri were William Harper and his wife, Sarah Dean Harper, along with their six children, Louis Dean and his wife, Lydia, and their four children; Bray Beaty and Abagail Dean Beaty with their newborn child; Jake Berry and Barbara Jane Dean Berry with three small children; Gilbert and Ann Dean with a small child; John and Hannah Dean and a nephew, Frank Hite.

John Dean gave each of his children a deed to 80 acres of land, a team of horses, harness, a cow and a featherbed. They found the country in prairie with very little land in cultivation. Wild life of every kind was plentiful and wild turkeys were caught and put in pens.

Among the experiences remembered by members of the Dean family were the grasshopper plague which came in August of 1874, the man John Dean caught in his bear trap when he came to steal corn from a corncrib, the collection of silver with which to make spoons, the making of hand woven coverlets and the death of Rachael Dean on October 31, 1873.

John Dean married secondly, Marsella Temple, a widow whose husband had been killed during the Civil War. He met Mrs. Temple during a two weeks Baptist camp meeting at Lone Jack. He died at the age of 75 on February 5, 1888 and is buried at Sharon Cemetery near Drexel, Missouri.

Children of John and Rachael Dean: 1. Louis Dean, born Sept. 3, 1836 married Lydia Margaret Berry, daughter of Eli and Betsy Berry. He died at Mulberry, Kansas in 1899. 2. Sarah Dean, born Oct. 13, 1837 married William Harper, died near Drexel, Missouri in 1911. 3. Gilbert Dean, born April 27, 1840 married Ann Emundson, died 1925. He was a Civil War soldier in Indiana. 4. Barbara Jane Dean, born Jan. 18, 1843, married Jake Berry, died in 1934 at Fredonia, Kansas. 5. John Dean, born Feb. 1, 1846, married Hannah Beaty, died 1894. Buried at Sharon, Drexel, Missouri. 6. Abagail Dean, born Aug. 23, 1851, married James Bray Beaty, died near Drexel, Missouri.

JOHN DEAN JR.

John Dean, son of John and Rachael Dean, was born Feb. 1, 1846 near Lancaster, Ohio. When he was about 19 years old he received a spinal injury which crippled him for his entire life. His father guaranteed every horse he sold and only one was ever returned. He gave his sons strict orders that they were not to attempt to ride that one, but his youngest son did ride the horse one day while the family was away from home. All went well until the horse heard the hoofbeats of the returning horses when she threw her rider into a ditch and pinned him beneath her. John Dean, Jr. was near death for several days and never completely recovered. He married Hannah Beaty, sister of James Bray Beaty after the Civil War. Hannah was born Dec. 11, 1847 in Indiana and taught school 19 years before her marriage. In her second year at Bloomington, Indiana University during the Civil War she raised a field of flax from which she made ticking for a straw mattress. It was used for many years and when discarded, her daughter saved a piece of the linen and used it to embroider a cross-stitch sampler. John and Hannah Dean came to Missouri in 1870 but they never lived on their 80 acres of the John Dean, Sr. purchase. They brought their walnut furniture with them from Indiana.

John Dean died Mar. 18, 1894 after a long illness. Hannah died Nov. 16, 1932. Their children were Nelly Dean, born about 1876 married Otis Dorsett Nov. 11, 1893; S. Verne, born Oct. 19, 1894 married Adaline Lyons, of Iola, Kansas and had Elizabeth, born Mar. 26, 1926, who married Howard Hall June 5, 1948.

LOUIS DEAN

Louis Dean was a resident of Cass County, Missouri in 1870. He was born September 3, 1836 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of John and Rachael Dean. Since he was the oldest son, he was his father's helper and when he married Lydia Margaret Berry, daughter of Eli and Betsy Berry near Lancaster, Ohio on February 26, 1860, his father built Louis and Lydia a two-room house near his. When the Civil War broke out, Louis paid $50.00 to the government to hire another man to go in his place as he was a married man with a family to support. Louis Dean went to Indiana, locating at the small town of Mayhorn where he worked on the railroad which was being built. In 1870 he removed to Missouri with other members of the Dean family. He improved and lived on his 80 acres of land which his father had given each of his children. Louis Dean was a jolly, good man and had many friends. He ran a huxter wagon into Kansas City every week for years. In later years, Louis Dean moved to Mulberry, Kansas where he died September 3, 1899. Lydia Dean lived to be 93 years old and died in 1929.

The children of Louis and Lydia Berry Dean were 1. Almedia Dean, born Jan. 9, 1861 in Fairfield County, Ohio, married L. Taylor Parrish, son of Larkin and Hannah Parrish, in Cass County, Missouri. 2. Eli Berry Dean, born Oct. 12, 1863, died May 18, 1947 at Pleasanton, Kansas. 3. Charley Dunbar Dean, born 1865, died young. 4. Darley Delmon Dean, born Jan. 9, 1867, died Nov. 10, 1936 at Pleasanton, Kansas. 5. Eunice Dean, born May 6, 1870 in Cass County, Missouri, married 1st Will Davis and 2nd Harry Kelly. 6. Elizabeth Dean, died age 1 year, buried at Everett, Missouri.

RICHARD DEAN

Richard Dean was a native of New York City and of Scotch-Irish descent. Two brothers of Richard Dean, John and Joseph, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Richard was a sea captain for thirty years, having begun his seafaring life on the Great Lakes and later became a salt water sailor. According to the Census of 1880, John Dean declared that his father, Richard, was born in Pa. as well as himself.

According to family tradition, "The first known to bear the name of Dean was born in Prinn, Germany after the 16th century. He was Jon Deign. He had two brothers, who with him

went to Ireland after their marriage. They were knighted and the spelling was changed to the English "Dean."

John Dean, born Jan. 18, 1813 in or near Pittsburg, Pa. was said to be the 7th generation to bear the name "John". He was the son of Richard Dean and he went to Ohio as a young man. He married Rachael Hite in Ohio Nov. 29, 1835 and settled near Rushville, Ohio. John Dean prospered and although he bred and sold black Kentucky racing horses, he did not believe in betting or racing the horses.

In 1858 John Dean bought a family Bible in which he wrote, "John Deans' Book. October 15, 1858, Baltimore, Md. Price $3.50." It is a large Bible and has the birthdates, marriage dates and death dates of all of his children as well as those of Louis Dean, his eldest child recorded in it.

In 1863 the Dean family moved to within 25 miles of Ft. Wayne, Ind. where they owned land until 1868 when John Dean made a trip west to look for a new place to settle. It was his wish that he might provide land for himself as well as his married children.

The large family left Indiana sometime after Jan. 7, 1870 and arrived in Cass County, Missouri before May. As soon as they were settled near Everett, they began plowing in order to put in a crop that first year. John Dean gave each of his children 80 acres of land, a team of horses, harness, a cow and a featherbed and most of them had built on their land when in 1874 grasshoppers came on an August day, darkening the sky like a storm cloud. They ate every growing thing and all was lost except for small grain already harvested and potatoes in the ground. In the spring of 1875, corn was planted and grasshoppers began hatching from eggs laid the fall before. Beggars were everywhere and people began to leave the country. It was late in June before the grasshoppers flew away. Corn was replanted, a favorable season followed, and a bountiful crop was harvested in the fall of 1875.

At one time the family was so large that there were not enough spoons to go around, so silver from buttons and jewelry was collected and sent to Boston where a silversmith by the name of "H. Sage" minted teaspoons for them. There were six of these spoons in the home of John Dean when his second wife came there and she, having household goods of her own, gave the spoons and glassware to his children.

The first wife of John Dean, and mother of his children, Rachael (Hite) Dean, died Oct. 31, 1873 and on Oct. 24, 1874, he married a widow whose husband had been killed in the Civil War, Marcille Temple, at Lone Jack.

Children were 1. Louis Dean, born Sept. 3, 1836 near Rushville, Ind. (See sketch on Louis Dean). 2. Gilbert Dean, born Apr. 27, 1840 near Lancaster in Fairfield Co., Ohio (See sketch on Gilbert Dean) 3. Barbara Jane Dean, born Jan. 8, 1843 near Lancaster, Ohio, married Jacob Culp Berry Aug. 17, 1862. (See sketch on Barbara Jane (Dean) Berry) 4. John Dean, born Feb. 1, 1846 near Lancaster, Ohio. (See sketch on John Dean, 1846) 5. Abagail Dean, born Aug. 23, 1851, Fairfield Co., Ohio, married James Bray Beaty Sept. 10, 1868. (See sketch on Abagail (Dean) Beaty) 6. Sarah Dean, born Oct. 13, 1837, married William Harper Aug. 15, 1858 in Ohio. (See sketch on Sarah (Dean) Harper).

The following interesting story is told of John Dean, son of Richard. During his early, hard years in Missouri, John Dean suspected a thief had been stealing his corn from a log corncrib. He set a bear trap and the following morning he found a man, shivering from the cold, in the trap. John said, "Good morning, Sir," and set about feeding his livestock. When he had finished with his chores, he returned to the man and told him he would set him free if he would do exactly as he said. The man agreed. Taking the man to the house, he was fed a good breakfast, then made to accompany John to the corn crib where his sack was filled with corn. As a final word the thief was warned never to set foot on Dean land again.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dean.

THOMAS DEAN

Thomas (Tommie) and Nellie (Gray) Dean became the parents of 7 girls and 3 boys while they lived in the Gunn City, Mo. community. All received their education in the Gunn City grade school and surrounding high schools. The older children didn't know what a school bus was; they rode 3 miles by horseback or horse and buggy if they didn't walk. Mr. Dean was active as school director many years, and he and his wife were active in church, school and community affairs wherever they lived. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1953, with all 10 children and families present for the happy occasion. They were members of the Belton Christian Church at the times of their deaths. Nellie Dean died Aug. 1962 in Belton, after which Mr. Dean lived with his eldest daughter Merle and her late husband Henry Mott on their farm west of Raymore. He died January, 1975, almost 98 years old. Cass County was the home of the Deans for almost a century and continues to be the home of many of their descendants.

There are now 91 in the family living (10 children, 23 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, 23 in-laws) and 6 deceased. The 10 children are all now living within a 30-mile radius of Harrisonville. They are: (1) Merle Dean married Henry Mott who died Dec. 1971, lives on a farm 2 miles west of Raymore. (2) Faye Dean married Floyd Henry, lives Grandview, has 3 daughters, Berdyne Fultz, Wanda Spears, and Charlotte Topel, and 8 grandchildren. Charlotte is Mrs. Charles Topel, lives Raymore, has 3 children Michelle, Wesley, and Danny Topel. (3) Mary Dean married Sammie Stewart who died Dec. 1960, lives southeast of Raymore, has 2 sons John D. and Jerry Stewart, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Jerry Stewart, his wife Sue and 3 children Sheri, Cindy, and Kevin Stewart live northeast of Harrisonville. (4) Willia Dean married William Kenagy Sr., lives

Grandview, had 2 sons Robert Kenagy and William Kenagy Jr. who died March 1967, has 5 grandchildren. (5) Esther Dean married Roy Plank, lives on a farm north of Peculiar, has daughter Barbara Plank, who married John Gillen, lives northeast of Harrisonville, has children John Jr., Jennifer, and Justin Gillen. They own the Gillen Pharmacy in Harrisonville. (6) J. T. Dean married Mabel Rea Twente, lives on a farm 3 miles south of Belton, has 2 sons Ron and Bud Dean, and 6 grandchildren. Bud Dean, his wife Bertie and children Debbie and Owen Dean live south of Belton. They own Hy-Klas grocery in Belton. (7) Eula Mae Dean married Wayne Franklin who died Mch. 1971, lives Leawood, Kans., has daughter Linda Franklin who married Terry Woolridge, lives in Belton, has daughter Brandyn Woolridge. (8) Margie Dean married Elmer Gragert, lives in Grandview, has sons Michael and Steven Gragert and daughter Patti Gragert who married Gene Ferguson, and 2 grandchildren. (9) Bearl Dean, twin, married Maxine Kurzweil, lives on a farm 2 miles west of Raymore, has 5 sons Richard, Bearl Jr., Leo, Gary, Jeff, daughter Joyce Dean, and 3 grandchildren. Richard Dean, his wife Linda and children Brian and Greg Dean live west of Raymore. Bearl Dean Jr., his wife Terry and son Chad Dean live on a farm west of Raymore. (10) Earl Dean, twin, married Helen Bates, lives on a farm 1 mile southeast of Raymore, has 2 daughters Earlyne and Mary Beth and son Jimmie Dean.

ABNER H. DEANE

Michael Deane, grandfather of A. H. Deane, was a native of the north of Ireland, who, coming to the American colonies in 1774, cast his lot with the patriots and served in the Continental army and came out of the Revolutionary War whole. He lived to reach the extreme old age of 104 years, dying in Maryland, where he is buried. His son, John T. Deane, was born in Virginia, but left that state prior to the outbreak of the War of 1812 and settled in Kentucky, from which state he enlisted and served under the command of Gen. Andrew Jackson, later twice President of the United States. With the return to civilian life he settled in Bracken County, Kentucky, and devoted himself to the work of the Baptist ministry. Three times married, his second wife was the mother of A. H. Deane. In all he had five sons and four daughters who reached maturity, the sons being: Thomas, John, David, Charles and Abner.

Rev. Abner H. Deane, son of John T. Deane, was born in Bracken County, Kentucky, January 27, 1828, and there he spent the first 26 years of his life. He attended the academy at Hardinsburg, Ky., bringing his wife to Missouri and proposing to go into business. They made the trip down the Ohio River to Cairo, Ill., thence up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, and from there to Cass County, Mo. first by boat to Independence in 1856. They moved to Austin where he and his father-in-law established a plow factory in the fall of 1856. Following his ordination as a minister in Independence, Mo., in 1859, Deane felt he needed preparation so he began religious studies, and in the spring of 1861 he completed arrangements to enter William Jewell College in the fall. But the Civil War altered his plans. When the need arose, he organized the First Missouri Cavalry and held a major's commission, serving with it until 1863 on the borders of Missouri and Kansas, when the company was mustered out. Many of his old friends had espoused the Southern cause, had gone South into the Confererate army and their families were left unprotected and in some cases, destitute. He generously aided these unfortunates, and because of this came under suspicion from the Federal Government, and when he declined to take the test oath required by a new law passed by the Missouri Legislature he was arrested in 1866 and imprisoned in the jail at Independence, Mo. His reason for refusing was that he believed that the fact he was a Federal officer in active service was sufficient guarantee of his loyalty, as well as the fact that he was a minister of the Gospel and not liable to perjure himself. It was while he was in jail that Captain George Caleb Bingham visited him and asked the privilege of depicting him in prison. After a trying confinement of several weeks and narrowly escaping from a prison fire, Deane was released and exonerated. Several times Bingham visited him during his stay in jail to bring him books. Once he brought his camera and took Deane's photograph, from which he afterward painted his portrait. It was titled "Major Deane in Jail", an oil portrait on thick layered paper 10″ x 12″. Believed for many years to be an oil portrait on canvas, it was presented in 1940 to William Jewell College by the family of Rev. Robert S. Thomas, the first president of the college. In 1971, close scrutiny of the portrait showed that the painting was not on canvas and also visible on the back of the work are shadowy silhouettes of eight stamps, removed long ago, which were pasted on the back of card photographs, as required by law at the time the portrait was created. Thus "Major Dean in Jail," an oil painting over a photograph, is revealed to be perhaps the rarest and most unusual of Bingham's portraits. Released from jail and mustered out of the service at Paola, Kansas, Rev. Deane lived there until the close of the war. He was urged to become a candidate for the United States Senate, but refused, preferring to continue his ministerial work, which he did in churches of Cass Co.

Twice married, by his first wife, Sarah Manning Deane, he had the following children: Edgar W., who died at Harrisonville; Oscar L., who died at Lewiston, Montana, at the age of thirty years and is buried there. After his wife's death during the Civil War, Reverend Deane married Maria Maxwell, a daughter of Samuel Maxwell, of an old family of Virginia. Two sons were born of the second marriage: John M. and George C., residents of Harrisonville. Rev. Deane died November 18, 1912 after a long ministry during which he baptized 3,282 people and married more than 2000 couples. His wife died in August, 1915 and both are buried in Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville.

JOHN MAXWELL DEANE

John Maxwell Deane, born Oct. 23, 1864 — died Feb. 22, 1943 was the son of Maria Maxwell and Rev. Abner H. Deane, (see A. H. Deane sketch). He was born at Paola, Kansas, but came to Harrisonville at the age of two. He attended the local school and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He was employed by Mullene, Moore and Emery, later Emery, Bird, Thayer of Kansas City. In 1891 he became a commercial traveler, called a "drummer", for the Standard Printing Com-

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Deane.

pany of Hannibal, Mo. and continued until his death 52 years later. He was a Baptist, joining the local church in 1887. He was a member of the Masonic bodies of Harrisonville and the Ararat Shrine of Kansas City. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars; The Missouri and American Historical Society; a director of the Citizen's National Bank; past grand counselor in Missouri of the United Commercial Travelers of America and in 1942 served as president of this group.

He was married on September 17, 1925, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Mrs. Ethel Hoy Rutherford, a daughter of William and Emma Hoy of Hannibal, Mo., which was Mrs. Dean's birthplace on April 16, 1887. Mrs. Deane graduated from Hannibal High School, and Commercial College and Memphis State University. She was a member of Ventura Literary Club, Bayard Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star #179 and the Harrisonville Baptist Church. She was study hall supervisor at H.H.S. about 14 years after the death of her husband. She also taught Home Economics in Rives, Tennessee.

Her daughter, Harriett, was adopted by John Deane in 1928. Harriett graduated from H.H.S., Christian College, Central Missouri State, M.U. at Kansas City and did additional work at Peabody in Nashville, Tennessee. She taught rural schools in Cass County, 7th grade in Harrisonville, and at Archie and Freeman High Schools as well as Barstow School for Girls in Kansas City. She retired from 21 years of service as principal of Lee's Summit Elementary in 1974. She was the first Girl Scout leader in Harrisonville and continues in this work. She has been editor of the *Missouri Elementary Principal* and *Deltagrams.* She was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia College in 1975. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Education* and several other similar directories. She married Forrest Ott, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cass County, June 25, 1936. (See William Lewis Ott sketch). Forrest Ott wrote sports for the Democrat, played in local orchestras and bands and retired from the publishing business in 1967. He was a good bowler and star tennis player. They live in Lee's Summit, but he is a native of Freeman, Mo. Their children are: Mrs. Edwin E. (Dee Ann) Herde; Mrs. William F. (Sarah Jane) Matthes; both of Lee's Summit; and Mrs. Allen L. (Novella) Perrin, Warrensburg, Mo. In 1976, there are four grandchildren: Sandra Dee and Nancy Herde; Mark William and Julie Jane Matthes.

L. O. DENNY

Louis Oscar Denny and Cora Elizabeth Dealy were united in marriage on July 19, 1905 about five miles North of Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dealy. Cora Elizabeth was the second child of a family of four. Her brothers being Charles and Ivy and sister, Blanche. Mrs. Denny was born on a farm near Tarsney, Jackson County, Missouri on July 21, 1885. Her parents were W. H. Dealy and Lucy Florence Bradley. Her great grandparents were David Dealy and Rebecca Mills Dealy, pioneer settlers of Jackson County, settling there in 1823 near Sibley, Missouri. The great grandparents were parents of 26 children. Louis Oscar Denny was a native of Bronston, Pulaski County, Kentucky and was born February 28, 1873. He left his parents and seven brothers and sisters and came to Caldwell County, Missouri in 1898, living with relatives until he came to Cass County about 1899. Louis Oscar and Cora Elizabeth were parents of four children. The eldest, Charles Denny, born near Bronston, Kentucky in 1907. The Dennys, with their young son, returned to Cass County in 1909 and purchased a part of the father-in-laws farm and there operated the farm until Mr. Dennys death in 1957.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Denny.

In 1911, their second child, Lisle O. Denny, was born on the farm, followed by a daughter, Bernice Louise in 1914 and son, John Ivan in 1919. Mrs. Denny continued to reside on the farm until 1962 when the home was sold and she lived in Harrisonville until her death on March 21, 1972. The children are presently living in the following areas; Charles, at 7714 Snowden, Richmond Heights, Missouri. Lisle O., 4308 W. 66th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas, Bernice Louise Foster, 1203 Edgevale Terrace, Harrisonville and John I. at 613 Wall Street, Wentzville, Missouri.

Some notable events in the life of the Denny family, the first occurring in the summer of 1928, when their large gamble-roof, frame barn was consumed by fire, destroying over 50 tons of clover hay, several hundred bushels of wheat and corn and all the horse harness and small tools. This loss had its telling effects on the welfare of the family over the next few years. In 1930, Mr. Denny had the misfortune to lose an eye in an accident while building fence on his farm. In 1931, one of the main work horses fell in a deep cistern and most of the neighborhood came to offer their help and sympathy. The horse,

"Old Bill," was pulled from the well after son Lisle climbed down in the well and put a cable around the horse. Davis Brothers wrecker then wenched the animal to the surface where he was cleaned and warmed by "gunny" sacks. In a half hour or so he was up and ready for the collar. The Denny family endured the terrible economic depression on the farm. Dry years — 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, and 1936 were almost disastrous.

In 1932, Mr. Denny and his youngest son, John, had 110 acres of beautiful corn growing, only to see it totally destroyed by a hail and windstorm on August 6, 1932. In 1935, the community was drenched with rain from early spring until July 11th. Wheat harvest was mudded out, the wheat, damaged by too much rain, yielded only 8 to 10 bushels per acre.

In 1936, Mr. Denny sold 84 acres of his land and retained his home and a 31 acre tract. The home and buildings were sold in the 60's and the balance of land is still owned by the four surviving children.

JOHN DESHAZER

Mr. and Mrs. John Deshazer moved from northern Missouri to Lee's Summit in 1914, moving from there in 1919 to the Raymore-Peculiar vicinity. Mr. Deshazer was always involved in farming. They were the parents of twelve children. Mr. Deshazer died in 1936 and Mrs. Deshazer in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deshazer were married in Peculiar in 1925. They lived on a farm southwest of Peculiar until 1927 when they moved to a farm in Kansas where they resided for sixteen years, leaving there and moving to the Raymore community in 1943. They were the parents of five children; a son, who died in infancy; Lawrence Deshazer of Canoga Park, California; Mrs. Charles (Inez) Hicks, of Dallas, Texas; Donna Fotte, of Kansas City, Missouri and Mrs. Don (Eva) Wilkinson, of Wichita, Kansas.

Lawrence entered the service during his Junior year in high school. The girls were all graduates of Raymore High School. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deshazer have eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mr. Deshazer has served as mayor of Raymore and Mrs. Deshazer is a charter member of the Raymore Garden Club. They are both members of the Senior Friendship Club.

DR. E. L. DICKE

Dr. Dicke was a farmer and band director of Louisburg, Kansas. He had an extensive practice in Miami, Johnson and Cass Counties. He had held the office of president of the Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association, the old Missouri Valley Veterinary Association and the Kansas State Veterinary Association and was superintendent of the Louisburg Baptist Church Sunday School for 30 years and deacon of the church for 39 years. He served on the Louisburg high school board for 18 years.

Dr. Dicke was born in Chiles, Kansas in 1890. At the age of 12 years he moved to Kansas City and there attended the Kansas City Veterinary College. He was married to Miss Nannie Etzole in 1910 and moved to Louisburg where he began his practice.

A number of the members of Dr. Dicke's family follow the veterinary profession. A son, Dr. Walter Dicke, Harrisonville, Missouri was a past president of the Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association. A son-in-law, Dr. Marvin Johnson, is a veterinary at Paola, Kansas. Another son-in-law, Dr. George Windisch, attended veterinary school at Kansas State College and Dr. W. M. Dicke, a brother, is a veterinary in Haywood, California.

In addition to their son, Walter, Dr. and Mrs. Dicke have two daughters, Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Paola, Kansas and Mrs. Maxine Windisch, of Manhattan, Kansas. Dr. Dicke had two brothers, W. M. and Jesse Dicke and a sister, Catherine.

Dr. Dicke died 10 July 1952 at his home in Louisburg and is buried in the Cemetery there.

BILLY JUNIOR DICKEY

Billy Junior Dickey (Bill J.), the only child of Earnest and Gladys Gillian (Epps) Dickey, was born on the old Dickey farm four miles East and one-half mile South of Archie, Mo. on November 22, 1925. At an early age I moved to Harrisonville, Mo., where I received my education graduating from Harrisonville High School in 1943. During my early years in Harrisonville I worked for the Volle Bakery and later the Cass County Democrat Newspaper. After my graduation I entered the United States Navy during World War II, serving 19 months overseas in the Pacific area.

March 2, 1946 I was married to the former Inez Wilma Atkinson, the daughter of Leroy and Bessie Louise (Easterla) Atkinson, at the family home in Archie, Mo. After my discharge from the armed forces in 1946, I decided to become a mortician graduating from the University of Mortuary Science, Kansas City, Kansas in 1947. On July 4, 1947 my wife and I moved to Garden City, Mo., managing the Atkinson Brothers Funeral Home. In 1948 besides being a funeral director I was employed by the Garden City Bank and served as assistant cashier until 1964. In 1951 I purchased a half interest in the business and the funeral home was known as Atkinson-Dickey Funeral Home. At the present time Atkinson-Dickey Funeral Homes, Inc. are in operation in the towns of Adrian, Archie, Harrisonville and Garden City, Mo., the owners being Robert W. and Jean Atkinson and Bill J. and Wilma Dickey. I am a licensed embalmer and funeral director and Wilma a licensed funeral director.

My maternal grandparents were William Pleasant and Betty Margaret (Steger) Epps, who moved to Cass County around 1918 from Howell County, Mo., settling near Archie, Mo. and later moving to Harrisonville. William Pleasant was a school teacher for 29 years. His parents were the Rev. Newton C. and Margaret Chandler Epps, an early Baptist Minister and school teacher. William P. and Betty Epps are both deceased and buried in the Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville, Mo.

My paternal grandparents, William Oscar and Rose Baker Dickey, both lived in the Austin Community and were farmers. My grandfather moved to Cass County and near Austin around 1870 with his parents, Enos Davison and Sarah Fitzallen Deering Dickey, who came from Clay County, Missouri.

Sarah was the daughter of Oscar Fitzallen and Sarah Ann Dagley Deering. Oscar F. was born May 8, 1819 in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky. His parents were Simeion Bluford and Sarah Twyman Deering. Simeion was born October 10, 1775. Enos, my great grandfather was in the California gold rush but I have been unable to find out who his parents were. Enos owned land and this land remained in the Dickey name until it was sold in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sliffe are the present owners.

My grandmother, Rose Baker Dickey, was born on May 4, 1872 on the old Baker farm near Austin, Mo., where Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard now live. According to a County history of Athens County, Ohio, my great, great, great, great grandfather, Nicholas Baker, who was born in London, England, when a small boy, was kidnapped by a crew of a pirate vessel bound for America and was landed in Barnstable, Mass. where he became engaged in business. His wife was Elizabeth Merchant. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Athens County, Ohio coming there in 1814. My great, great, great grandparents, on the Baker side, were Isiah and Eunice Smith Baker; great, great grandparents, Jacob and Ruth Reynolds Baker; great grandparents, Loring Putman and Abigal Mary Dickerson Baker, who were born in the "Baker Settlement" in Athens County, Ohio. Abigal's parents were William Baley and Amy Dickerson. My great grandparents came to Cass County near Austin in 1870. They were the parents of Rose Baker Dickey, my grandmother. My paternal grandparents on both sides are buried in the Austin Cemetery, as well as my father and aunt, Marietta Dickey. Most of my family were old residenters of Cass County. The present farm South of Austin, Mo., which was owned by my grandfather, W. O. Dickey, my father, Earnest Dickey and now by my wife and myself, has been in the family since 1924.

I have served in a number of capacities since living in the Garden City Community. I have served on a number of committees for different organizations, and on the city council and school board several terms. I am a member of the First Baptist Church in Garden City and have served as a deacon, a member of Index Lodge No. 54 A.F. and A.M., Eastern Star No. 340 and Garden City Memorial Post No. 498 American Legion.

My wife and I are parents of four children: two daughters, Mrs. Sharon Kay Burris, who is married to Melvin Kenneth Burris and Mrs. Lou Ann Jacobs, who is married to Richard Dale Jacobs; two sons, Billy Bob Dickey and Jerald Alan Dickey. We also have three grandchildren, Joseph Eugene Burris, Krista Renee Burris and Wendy Marie Jacobs.

G. R. DIVELBISS, JR.

Glyndon Ritner Divelbiss, Jr., son of Glyndon Ritner and Cordie Idell Divelbiss, was born in Jackson County, Missouri, on March 11, 1926. His father was born near the West Union community and his mother, Cordie Moore, was born at Clifton Hills, Missouri.

Known to his family and friends as "Shike", or "G.R.", he spent his early life on a farm and attended school at Strasburg, Missouri. When thirteen, his family moved to a farm near Harrisonville, where he attended high school, graduating in the Class of 1944. Following graduation, he attended William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, for two years. He left college and returned to Harrisonville to enter into a partnership with his father in farming and dairying.

On October 21, 1949, he married Shirley Ann Wills, daughter of Grover C. and Edna G. Wills of Peculiar. Shirley was educated in the Peculiar Schools, graduating in 1947, and has her Master of Science in Education from Central Missouri State University. She has taught 18 years in Cass County and the last four years as vocal music teacher in Grandview, Missouri Junior High.

Shirley and Shike have two children, Glenda Kay, born February 27, 1951, married Robert M. Keller of Connelsville, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1975. Robert is a 1st Lieutenant in the United State Air Force. He is stationed at Richards-Gebaur now and before 1976 is over will leave for a three year assignment in Germany.

Gerald Ritner, born October 2, 1952, married Cecelia Kathleen Robbins of Hickman Mills December 21, 1971. They live in Freeman, Missouri, and he is a cabinet maker at a shop in Harrisonville and also farms.

The Divelbiss family are members of the Methodist Church and live in a new subdivision which is a portion of the Grover Wills farm in Peculiar.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dobson.

HENRY DOBSON

At age fourteen, Katie Ellen Carter traveled with her family from Rabbit Hash, Kentucky to Clinton Co., Missouri. She met Henry Dobson from Platte County. Later they were married and homesteaded prairie land in DeKalb County. They had eight children; Charles, Edward (Ned), Grace, Rose, Joe, Ruth, Bertha, and Daisy.

Ned met his wife, Lydia E. LaMar, daughter of Henry and Ada Belle LaMar, while visiting his cousin Lettie Winston. She lived near Stilwell, Kansas. Ned and Lydia were married by T. C. Brammer October 4, 1911 at her home west of Belton, situated near what is now Holmes Road.

Ned and Lydia returned to Osborn, Missouri to live in a house on the home place for two years. Their first child, Ellen, was born while there. In 1914, the family moved to a farm near Belton, Missouri. A daughter, Grace, and a son, Thomas were born there.

Ellen Jones now resides in Redding, California. Grace Fowler lives in Sedalia, Missouri, and Thomas lives and farms land adjoining the home place.

Ned and Lydia were both members of the First Baptist Church of Belton, Missouri. Ned was active in remodeling the church when it was located on Main Street and also in the building of the new church at 810 So. Cedar.

Lydia Dobson passed away Dec. 7, 1956 and Edward Dobson followed her March 21, 1976. They are buried in the Bryant Cemetery west of Belton. They leave seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

BERRY PITMAN DODSON

Berry Pitman Dodson and Maria Matney Dodson arrived in Cass County in 1874, moving to a farm four miles south of Belton.

Berry Dodson's grandfather, Joshua Dodson, son of Isaac and Eugenia Smith Dodson of Virginia, first came to Ste. Genevieve District of Missouri and later settled in St. Charles District. Here he received Land Grant Number 208 in the Femme Osage area from the Spanish government in 1800. Joshua married Susannah A. Hays, granddaughter of Daniel Boone, August 25, 1801. The children of Susannah Hays and Joshua Dodson were: Sarah Dodson, married Anthony Watts, owner of the famous Watts Mill in Jackson County; John W. Dodson, married Nancy Pitman, May 5, 1831; Greenup Dodson married Verlina Pitman, February 25, 1835; Drury Dodson married Lucinda B. Pitman, October 5, 1837, and Patsey Dodson. The three Pitman women were sisters, daughters of Richard B. Pitman.

Greenup and Drury Dodson and families came to Westport in Jackson County in 1837, buying lots 41 and 46 in early Westport, which was platted in 1835. The children of Verlina and Greenup Dodson were Berry Pitman Dodson, born April 27, 1836, in St. Charles County, Missouri; Frederick Dodson; James Dodson and Lucinda Dodson, who married Samuel D. Muir and lived in Belton, Missouri.

Berry Pitman Dodson and brother James were drivers on the Santa Fe Trail. Berry fought in the Battle of White Oak with the Upton Hays Command in the Civil War. On May 25, 1862, he married Maria Adaline Matney, daughter of Daniel David and Esther Matney who came to Missouri from Virginia in 1844. Berry and Maria started married life on a farm in the area of what is now 85th and Troost in Kansas City. Three sons grew to manhood, Charles Edward, Frederick Marion, and Greenup Berry. Berry Pitman Dodson died August 25, 1914, and Maria, May 18, 1922, both are buried in the Belton Cemetery.

Charles Dodson settled in Wyandotte County, Kansas, where he was in the construction business. Frederick Marion (Zollie) Dodson, born February 12, 1870, remained in Cass County as a farmer. Greenup Berry (Greene) Dodson, born June 27, 1872, married January 14, 1897, Edna Earl Jeter, granddaughter of William Allen White (see White history). Greene was a farmer in Cass County most of his life and died January 18, 1942. Edna died February 8, 1975, both are buried in Belton Cemetery. They had four children: Helen Irene, born November 30, 1897, died February 18, 1899; Marie, born April 10, 1900; Faustina Opal, born December 12, 1901 and Albert LeRoy, born December 15, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry P. Dodson, Lucinda Dodson Muir.

Marie Dodson married Chester R. Meador, son of William and Sarah Barr Meador of Belton, June 18, 1921. They lived most of their married life in Belton. Chester was a rural mail carrier. He passed away October 8, 1973. Marie is now living in Belton. They reared three children. Chester L. Meador married Augusta Mae Fitch, of Belton and they live in Columbia, Missouri. He is an Army veteran of WWII. They have three daughters: Sandra Lee married Ronald Seacord, living in Kenosha, Wisconsin, one daughter, Stacey Lynn; Diana married Gary Trueblood, living Raymore, Missouri; and Deborah yet at home. Irma Dean (Dea) Meador married Bob Barker of Belton and live in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, three children: David, Dallas, Texas; Jo, married Ray Wallace, living at McGuire A.F.B., New Jersey, and Richard Lee (Ricky) yet at home. James Gilbert Meador married Mary Lee Anderson: two daughters, Amy Lynne and Janice in Denver, Colorado. Jim is now married to Nancy Ford and living in Seattle, Washington.

Faustina Opal (Billy) Dodson married Carl L. Ray, son of C. E. and Ora Ray, November 8, 1927. They lived in Belton, later moving to Omaha, Nebraska, and then to the Kansas City area where Carl was with the Corp of Civil Engineers. Faustina passed away May 22, 1975, and is buried in Belton Cemetery. Two children: Meredith Irene married Lou Hollis, lives St. Louis, Missouri, five children: Michael L. and wife Grace, Denver, Colorado; Karen Elaine and husband, Gary Kennedy, St. Louis, Missouri; Kristie Lynn and twin sons, Scott and Steve, live at home. Carl Eugene (Gene) Ray and wife, Jill, Atlanta, Georgia.

Albert LeRoy Dodson married Jane Eleanor Turner, daughter of William Fenwick and Lyda Stoddard Turner of Belton. Al spent twenty eight years in the Navy as an aviator and meteorologist. Al and Jane were married in Honolulu, Hawaii, December 11, 1941, four days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Al retired from the Navy as a Commander in 1967. Now reside in Leewood, Kansas. Three sons: James LeRoy Dodson married Jo Ann Hickerson and living in Japan at Yokota A.F.B., two daughters Eleanor Mariah and Laura Elizabeth. William Berry Dodson married Linda Lou Jean and living in Daytona Beach, Florida. Two daughters, Christina Jean and Angela Renee. Joseph Gary Dodson married Denise Sands and living in Overland Park, Kansas.

FREDERIC DOLL

Frederic and Arminta Ann Guartney Doll left Harrison County, Indiana in about 1858, first going to Douglas County, Kansas. They came to Van Buren County, Mo. in about 1863-64. They settled on a farm southwest of Peculiar, Mo., in the Burney school district, where the last three of their eight children were born. One child had died in Indiana and a son, Millard F. Doll died as a young man after coming to Missouri.

They moved to West Union, Mo. area in about 1866, when that was a thriving village, in the western part of the county.

Their other six children, all girls, grew up and married in the West Union area:

Rebecca (Mrs. "Dode" Stout) had four children and went to Camas, Washington; Fannie (Mrs. Barnett Stephen Rowland) had six children; Mollie (Mrs. W. Rice Keeney) died when very young; Anna (Mrs. Fredrick Herbig) had two sons, and lived in Aurora, Nebraska; Emma (Mrs. James Henry Sears) had four children, living on the adjoining farm to her parents; Emma and Anna were twins; Maggie (Mrs. Samuel Johnson Slusher) had four children and lived near her parents.

Frederic and Arminta Ann were married sixty-three years and died the same year, 1915, ten days apart. They are buried in the West Union Cemetery, as are four of their children.

The only remaining descendants in the county and surrounding area, in this year 1976 are:

A daughter of Fannie, Emma McAninch and her daughter Naomi, (Mrs. Joel Knight) and granddaughter Freida (Mrs. Jim Kircher) all of Harrisonville, Mo.

A daughter of Emma, Miss Pearl Sears, lives in Belton, Mo., and her grandchildren, James Karl Sears, Harry Hartsel Sears, and Katherine Lee Sears Schulz (Mrs. Robert Eugene Schulz) are all still in the area.

A daughter of Maggie, Alta (Mrs. Ted Cook) lives in Drexel, Mo., and her grandson lives in Freeman, Mo., Jack Cook.

TIMOTHY JOSEPH DOWNING JR.

Timothy Joseph Downing Jr. was the son of Timothy Joseph Downing Sr. and Mary Murphy, born September 3, 1873 near Liberty, Missouri. He was one of eight children born of this marriage — namely: Mortimer, Michael, Mary, Josephine, Katherine, Nancy, and Timothy Jr. whose twin sister died at birth.

The Downing family immigrated from Ireland to America in the early 19th century and first settled in Tennessee. They later moved to a farm near Liberty, Missouri and then on to Pleasant Hill, Missouri. In 1883 they purchased a farm 2½ miles Northeast of Strasburg, Missouri. The mother of Timothy Joseph Downing Jr. died in 1889 and his father passed away in 1898. Both are buried in the Kingsville cemetery. Timothy J. Downing Jr. was married to Carrie S. Colvin on June 19, 1901. Born of this union were: Gladys (Mrs. Neal Horton, Lee's Summit, Missouri), Timothy A. Downing, Hollandale, Florida, Kathryn (Mrs. Joe A. McClintock, Pleasant Hill — see another sketch), and Dorothy (Mrs. Randall Blank, Overland Park, Kansas). Three grandsons: Dr. Harry E. Talley who married Marjorie Green, lives in Lawrence, Kansas; Billy Lee Talley married Elsie Barnett — he lives in Pittsburgh, Kansas; and Joe Henry McClintock (see sketch of Joe A.) who married Helen Jo Knorpp (see sketch of J. Chester Knorpp) who live on the Jackson-Cass county line road near Pleasant Hill. Six great-grandchildren; Dennis Talley who married Sally Strum and live in Lawrence, Kansas; his sister, Susan Talley who married William Guthrie and live in Wichita, Kansas; twin girls — Carol Ann and Linda Kay Talley both living in Kansas City, Missouri; Tim K. McClintock (see Joe A. sketch) Joe C. McClintock of the home in the Pleasant Hill area.

Two great, great-grandchildren, both girls, Charolette and Ann Talley, living with their parents in Lawrence, Kansas.

Timothy J. Downing Jr. was a prosperous and successful farmer. Being an ardent livestockman he had an outstanding ability for judging livestock, especially cattle. He was a great family man and his love for them was the personification of his aspirations. He died June 4, 1932 and is buried in the Strasburg cemetery. His wife, Carrie Colvin, died January 30, 1960 and is buried beside him.

JACK DRYDEN

Jack Spencer Dryden was born in Lee's Summit, Missouri on December 29, 1904. He was the only child of Fred Pittenger Dryden (born in Lee's Summit 1878-1956), druggist, and Mary E. Blackwell (born in Warrensburg, Missouri, 1879-1935). He graduated from Lee's Summit High School in 1923 and the Kansas City College of Pharmacy in 1925. He married, May 28, 1925, Elizabeth L. Jones, born in Lee's Summit, November 27, 1903, the first of four children of Walter B. Jones (born in Pleasant Hill, Missouri 1882-1974), lumberman, and Mary L. Rheem (born in Lee's Summit 1882-1976). Elizabeth attended Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, Illinois.

They have a daughter, Jean Dryden Cunningham, born July 17, 1926, and a son, Jack Coleman Dryden, born July 13, 1931. Both are graduates of Belton High School and the University of Kansas. Jean is also a graduate of Monticello College, Godfrey, Illinois. She married James L. Cunningham, son of Samuel P. Cunningham and Anna Thompson of Herington, Kansas, in 1947. They have two sons, Roger Dryden Cunningham and Jeffrey Lowell Cunningham. Jim spent six years in the Navy, having been at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He graduated from the University of Kansas and is a commercial artist. Jack C. Dryden married Peggy Tuley, daughter of Frank Tuley and Bertha Delfelder of Gallatin, Missouri, in 1955. Peggy is a graduate of Central College at Fayette, Missouri. They have a daughter, Sandra Lynn Dryden, and a son, Steven Ward Dryden. Jack is the present owner of Dryden Drug Co.

Jack and Elizabeth bought the present drug store at 401 Main Street in Belton from Lillian Cunningham in the fall of 1931. Jack commuted from Lee's Summit until 1934 when they moved to 402 Third Street in Belton. In 1960 they purchased their present home at 104 Park Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Dryden.

Jack's grandfather, Samuel Dryden (1840-1918) was born in Adams County, Ohio, and attained the rank of Captain in the 7th Ohio Cavalry for the Union during the Civil War. After the war he moved to Lee's Summit where he owned and operated a grocery store. Sam's father, Thomas Groten Dryden (1813-1904) was born in Worcester County, Maryland and came to Jackson County from Ohio. Thomas' father, William Dryden (1787-1858), was born in Worcester County, Maryland and served in Keys Regiment of the Ohio Militia in 1813. His father, also William Dryden (1755-1820) was born in Somerset County, Maryland. During the Revolutionary War, William served in Captain Smyly's Co., Snow Hill Battalion, Worcester Co. Militia. William's father was John Jr., born in Somerset County, Maryland 1710-1788, and his father, John Sr., was born in Scotland and came to Somerset County with his parents, William and Agnes Dryden about 1685.

Elizabeth's grandfather, John Coleman Jones (1855-1940), was born in Pleasant Hill, Missouri and operated the family lumber yards. His father, William Jones (1823-1891), was born in Scott County, Kentucky and moved to Missouri in 1833, south of Independence. He moved to Harrisonville in 1851, but left during the war after having been robbed of most of his property by marauders. In 1866, he and his father-in-law, Jeremiah Farmer, started the lumber business in Pleasant Hill.

Elizabeth's family on her grandmother's side were victims of the famous Order #11 during the Civil War, losing their possessions and livestock to the Union Army. Her great, great grandfather, Cornelius Davy (1794-1845), came to Westport, Missouri from Galway County, Ireland as a young man because of religious persecution. He became a freighter, taking supplies on a wagon train from Westport to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Over the years Jack S. Dryden has been involved in community affairs, having served as president of the school board and active in many civic organizations. In 1975, Jack was honored by the University of Missouri at Kansas City for having served the profession of Pharmacy for 50 years. He also received 50-year awards from the Missouri State Board of Pharmacy and Rexall Drug Co. He and Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1975.

FERNANDO THOMAS DUNCAN

Fernando Thomas Duncan was born near Freeman, Missouri, on March 18, 1870. He married Mildred Nora Peterson on December 27, 1896. To this union were born 7 children:

Alta May, born October 21, 1897; married Otis Johnson June 6, 1922, and he died May 12, 1937.

Eulah Josephine, born June 26, 1900; married John Reynolds December 26, 1923. Eulah died April 30, 1949, and John died April 25, 1944.

Anna Lora, born October 10, 1902; married Charles D. Moore December 6, 1921.

Harold Harvey, born December 11, 1904; married Fay Jones May 16, 1931, and died June 28, 1950.

Opal Marie, born October 17, 1912; married Lester Prettyman June 4, 1936.

Thomas Woodrow, born July 3, 1915; married Allene Hatch October 10, 1942. To this union was born one daughter, Tommy Allene, and she was 1 year old when her father Thomas was killed in World War II on August 11, 1944.

Kenneth Edgar, born March 28, 1923; married Bonnie Crane May 16, 1946.

WILLIAM DAVIS DUVALL

William Davis Duvall, according to family tradition was a descendant from Marquis Miles Duvall an aide-de-camp in Lafayette's staff during the American Revolution. He remained in the U.S., settled in Maryland among the Mareen Duvall family who landed with Lord Baltimore about 1655. It is thought that Miles was related to this family thru their French ancestry. Miles is said to have spoken nothing but French and was known as a frog-eating Frenchman. He married a Miss Tarleton and is known to have had one son Thomas born in Maryland in 1777. While the family was moving to Kentucky in 1790 Miles was drowned in the Potomac River. Thomas settled in Nelson County, Ky. where he married 1.) Nancy Keith. They had Alexander married in 1818 Nancy Hinton, his cousin; Lydia married John Cash; Katherine married Thompson Cash; John married Amy Harned and Gabriel. Nancy died in 1807 and Thomas married Diana Davis. Their children were Eleanor married Triplett; Sarah (Sallie) married George McGill; William Davis married Elizabeth A. Stark; Jacob married Caroline O'Bryan; and Thomas married Caroline O'Bryan (widow of Jacob.)

The Cash and McGill families moved to the Morristown area before the Civil war. Jacob died in 1852 in a California mining camp. Thomas and Caroline settled near Gunn City in 1856.

William and Elizabeth with their children David William, John Thomas, and Eleanor Dian left Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky. in the fall of 1859 for land they had entered in Camp Branch and Index Townships, Cass County. The parents rode in a buggy, the boys had riding horses and took turns with their sister riding in the buggy. The stock and wagons were tended by 9 slaves. Camp was made on the Cass-Henry County line on the evening of October 23. William became suddenly ill and died in the early morning of October 24, 1859. He was buried at the campsite and Elizabeth proceeded to home of her parents, David J. Stark near Morristown. She lived here until her marriage to William P. Davidson in 1861.

David married Jennie Dodge Barker their children were: Jennie Adeline, Katherine Beulah, Eunice Eliza, Alta Leta, William Earl; John married Harriet Blevins and had a son Worth; Eleanor married Fielding Edward Bybee (which see).

The body of William Duvall was removed to the Freeman cemetery.

ACHILLES EASLEY

Mr. Easley was born in 1797 in Stokes County, North Carolina. He was one of the early pioneers of Van Buren County, later Cass County. He homesteaded a section of land north of where the Katy depot later stood, clearing a place on the east side of the section with the help of a slave he had brought with him from Kentucky. They built a two room cabin, lived there and cleared timber from the rest of the land. Mr. Easley was a surveyor and helped lay out the town of Harrisonville, and received $5.20 for that. He served as Town Clerk and Recorder in 1839-40 and later as County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Recorder before those three offices were divided.

Mr. Easley and his first wife helped establish the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Harrisonville and he was one of its first Elders. Mr. Easley's second wife was Julia Fulton, sister of Grant Fulton, another early settler.

As his family increased he made a trip to Pleasant Hill by ox team to purchase lumber for a larger home. It took two weeks for the round trip. The floors and woodwork were walnut and the shingles were hand hewn oak.

Mr. Easley and one son, Albert Fulton Easley, continued the surveying business and did much of the early surveying in the County. He died in 1893 at the age of 96. Five of his children remained in Harrisonville, Mrs. W. T. Schooley, Grant Taylor Easley, Walter Easley, Albert Fulton Easley and Anna Easley Johnson. One granddaughter, Ruth Easley is still a resident of Harrisonville.

ROBERT EASTON

Robert Easton was born June 16, 1934, in Williams, Oklahoma, to Clyde and Dolly Easton. The father was a coal miner and they lived in that area 16 years. In 1950 the family moved to Kansas City where Bob joined the Temple Baptist Church and met Rose I. Templeton. Rose is the daughter of William and Elsa Templeton, born July 30, 1936, in Hardin, Missouri. Rose and Bob were married August 8, 1954, and have four sons, Robert (born November 25, 1956); David (born February 9, 1958); Richard (born August 25, 1959); and James (born March 3, 1972).

In 1953 Bob was called to the ministry and began preaching in the Helping Hand Institute, City Union Mission, Convalescent Homes, Kansas City Parental Home for Juveniles and churches. He was ordained in 1956 by the Temple Baptist Church while serving his first pastorate at Poplar, Missouri. He received his academic training at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri; William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri; Kansas City Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri; and Central Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

In 1960 Rev. Easton was called to serve as pastor of the Coleman Baptist Church where he served until 1966, at which time he became pastor of the Raymore Baptist Chapel, a mission of the Coleman Baptist Church. The chapel was later constituted the First Baptist Church of Raymore.

J. D. EAVEY

J. D. Eavey (April 21, 1816 — Sept. 2, 1899), son of Jacob Eavey, whose father with two brothers immigrated from Germany in the 18th century to America. They settled in Pennsylvania and then in Beaver Creek, Maryland. J. D. was born near Hagerstown, Maryland. In 1847 he married Margaret Weast (Sept. 5, — June 12, 1897). To this union twelve children were born. In 1865 at the close of the Civil War they journeyed in covered wagon with six of their children to Missouri and settled in Harrisonville.

From talk with Celia Wirt, granddaughter of Margaret, she remembers hearing family talk of the long, hard trip and the reason for it. After the war they were unable to keep the farm going. The troops had freed the slaves and burned their fields and orchards. With their family and a few faithful servants they came to find a new place to live. They had heard great stories from two of J. D. 's brothers who had traveled west to the gold fields and to the Missouri River area.

The spelling of the Eavey name has changed so many times that tracing has been difficult, but the original spelling is believed to have been "Eby", and from there twelve other spellings have been found.

From copy of Hight & Associates Land Titles, Inc., Margaret Eavey purchased a lot from Edward Tuwgler in April, 1867. This lot is next to the Christian Church and the original house for many years was the church parsonage. J. D. was a builder by trade.

J. D.'s children were: Helen (1848-1883), married Stephen Patrick, lived in Ohio; Mary Katie (1851-1856); Susan Margaret (1849-1918) married John Burford, lived in Harrisonville; Thomas Benton (1852-1856); Lilla (1854-1856); Addie (1856-1918) married John Wirt, lived in Harrisonville; Josie (1858-1941) married Obe Harris, lived in Harrisonville; Edward (1860-1930) married Myrtle Hesker, lived in Harrisonville; Minnie (1861---) married Curtis Hornberger, lived in Harrisonville; Maude (1865-1880); Clyde (1865-1931); and Carrie May (1868-1898).

Edward J. Eavey (June 23, 1860 — Sept. 5, 1930), born in Hagerstown, came to Cass County with his family. He united in marriage with Myrtle Hesker in 1897. He was a builder by trade and well known in the county. Mrs. Eavey was an

ardent Republican worker and was active in many community activities. To this union was born George Edward, August 11, 1899; and Carrie May, May 17, 1898, died Dec. 10, 1905.

George Edward Eavey was born and raised in Harrisonville. He attended school here and was a successful building contractor until his retirement in 1962. On Feb. 22, 1918, he married Bernita Kohler in Kansas City, Missouri. They made their home here and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1968. To this union was born Georgia Mae, May 19, 1921, and Margaret Ann, December 5, 1930.

Georgia Mae married Merrill Dodge June 2, 1946, and they now make their home in Westlake Village, California. Mrs. Dodge is a graduate nurse and they have one daughter, Cynthia, born December 2, 1955. Margaret Ann married Billy W. Moore Feb. 18, 1951, and they make their home in Harrisonville, where Mr. Moore is a building contractor. To this marriage was born Georgiann, April 21, 1952, and Billy W. Moore, II, March 3, 1959. On Jan. 7, 1971, Georgiann was married to Thomas P. Manz, who is an ordained minister. They have one daughter, Carrie Beth, born November 23, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Eckert.

SYDNEY ECKERT

September 8, 1930 a young man arrived in Harrisonville to take charge of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Agency. He was totally inexperienced in the insurance field for he had worked in a drug store since the age of 17 and was a Registered Pharmacist. Now the Depression was in full force and there was no demand for Registered Pharmacists so he had taken the insurance job in hopes of providing a living for his wife and young son. He assumed that in a short time he would be able to again enter the drug business and that his residency in Harrisonville would be of short duration. He did again enter the drug field and September 1935 became a Detail Service Representative for Columbus Pharmacal Company, Columbus, Ohio, traveling in Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri, calling on doctors, hospitals and drug stores. In this field he remained until retirement in 1967 and his residence was in Harrisonville until the day he died January 27, 1976.

This young man was Sydney Frederick Eckert, born May 3, 1902 in Creston, Iowa youngest child of John Bert and Lena Morgan Dunbar Eckert. When he was four years old the family migrated to a farm 6 miles west of Clinton, Missouri on Highway 18. He received his grade school education at Mt. Carmel rural school, attended Clinton High School one year. When it became necessary for him to earn his own living he went to work at Williams Drug Store in Clinton. While working he attended night classes at Holy Rosary Academy, Clinton and received his high school diploma from that institution. He attended two terms at Bowen Institute of Pharmacy, Brunswick, Missouri and became a Registered Pharmacist in 1924. He married Miss Pauline Parks December 26, 1925 in the home of her parents in Clinton.

Pauline Parks, only daughter of Charley Bird and Bertie Ellen Simmons Parks was born 3 miles south of Coal, Henry County, Missouri in the Mound Springs Community. Her Great Great Grandfather, Reubin Parks migrated to Henry County in 1835 from Lincoln County Kentucky, bringing his wife Nancy Lunceford Parks and nine children. They lived ¼ mile southwest of the present Parks Chapel Church and Cemetery.

Pauline attended the rural schools of the community and when she entered high school her parents moved to Clinton. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1922 as class salutatorian. Taught 3 years at Land rural school and 1 year at White school attending Central Missouri State Teacher's College, Warrensburg for the summer sessions.

Sydney and Pauline made their first home in Sedalia, Missouri where their only child, Robert Winston was born December 9, 1926. He received all of his grade and high school education in the Harrisonville schools. Graduated from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri 1946, and from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1949. He interned at Monte Sano Hospital, Los Angeles, did post graduate work at Pierce and University of Southern California, earned his M.D. degree and is a Certified Surgeon and Chief of Staff at Monte Sano Hospital. Married to the former Miss Shirley Roth. Their daughter, Shirley Jeanne is attending Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. Their son, Robert Winston II attends Pierce College, Los Angeles.

The Eckert family have taken an active part in Harrisonville United Methodist Church. Sydney was a member of Cass Lodge A.F. and A.M., Signet Chapter Royal Arch Masons and a 50 year DeMolay. Pauline is a charter member of Harrisonville Lioness Club, member of Harrisonville Young Matrons Extension Club and Harmony Mission Chapter DAR. Traces genealogy as a hobby.

ROBERT EDWARDS

Robert F. Edwards, born in Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida in 1923, moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1950. His parents, Benjamin F. and Janis Betts Edwards have two other sons, Albert and Samuel. Bob is the oldest of the three.

The Edwards family was among the early settlers in Florida. They settled in Gadsden County in the early 1700's, while it was still Indian territory. His great-grandfather, William "Poppa Billy" Betts, was a drummer boy in the Civil War at the ripe age of 16. He lived to celebrate his 100th birthday. His grandfather Edwards served in the Spanish-American war; his father was one of the eleven survivors of the famed Rainbow Division (Infantry) in World War I. Bob served in World War II in Europe.

He and Lillian Raylene Rogers were married in 1951. They moved to East Lynne in 1957. Raylene's parents, Zoren D. and Loretta (Phillips) Rogers, also have a younger daughter, Mary.

Raylene's paternal ancestors were early day homesteaders in Nebraska. Her Maternal forebearers settled in Cass County, just south of Pleasant Hill in 1838. This early day settler was Mordecia Phillips, her grandfather's great-grandfather.

Her grandfather, Ray H. Phillips, was one of seven children born to George H. and Loma V. Rains Phillips. He was born just north of Harrisonville, and raised on a farm just west of Archie. He attended Teacher's College at Warrensburg and taught in various Cass County schools.

He married Mable Long in 1912. She was the only daughter in a family of seven children born to James Alfred and Loretta J. (Mumford) Long. The Longs and Mumfords came to East Lynne in 1910. Her grandfather Mumford had a poultry store on the south side of East Lynne's main street. The Longs and Mumfords are buried in Clear Fork cemetery.

Bob and Raylene have 3 children. The girls, Loretta Jane and Patricia Jean were born in Kansas City. Franklin Dale was born in Harrisonville. All three are graduates of both the East Lynne elementary school and Harrisonville High School.

Loretta Jane and Ronald A. Rushly, son of Rolla A. and Mae King Rushley, of Harrisonville, were married August 22, 1969. They have a son, Raymond Andrew and are momentarily expecting another child. They live on their budding dairy farm 2 miles south of East Lynne. Raymond is an 8th generation Cass Countian.

Patricia and J. Wyatt Timme, sone of William and Esther Timme, of Harrisonville, were married July 3, 1971. They live 1½ miles south of East Lynne. He is employed in Kansas City, and she is a secretary at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base at Grandview.

Frank is currently living at home and is employed at Kircher's dairy farm.

DALE ELLIOTT

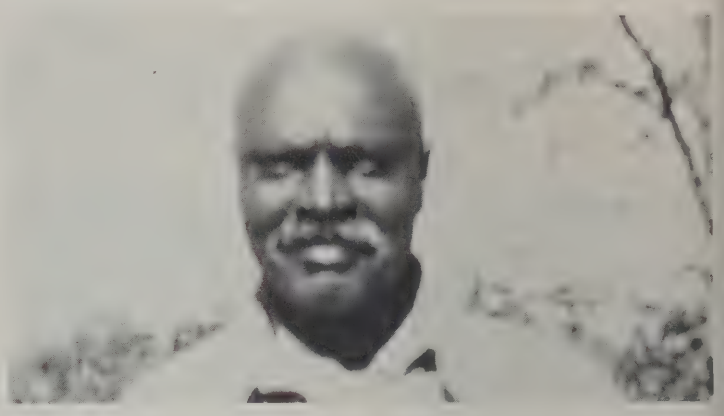
Dale and Altie Stevens Elliott came to Pleasant Hill, Mo. from Lebanon, Va. in 1904 when their oldest son, Cassie, was seven months old. After working for a couple of local residents, Dale went to work at the Kelloge Greenhouse where he stayed for about six years. They lived in a house in 'Old Town' near the Lavale Ferguson home.

Two more boys were born to them, Claude and Clyde. They moved to Eldorado Springs, Mo. in 1913 where they farmed till a drought there sent them by covered wagon to Colorado Springs, Colorado. They had three horses and a dog to start the trip, but the buggy horse and the dog died along the way. Dale hauled hay, etc. while they lived in Colorado.

They came back to Missouri on a train after two years. Their next home in Pleasant Hill was the current Ralph Van Akren place. Then they moved to the Powell farm southwest of Pleasant Hill, and later to the Ragsdale place on #7 where Altie Elliott still resides. Dale was a well known farmer and trader in the area. He died in March, 1956 in Pleasant Hill.

Cassie married Gladys Campbell, daughter of Hugh and Maude Campbell of Pleasant Hill. He was a dairy farmer and trucker. They had three children, Lloyd Hugh, who is a dairy farmer southeast of Pleasant Hill, Helen Dale Bohannon of Port Orchard, Wash., and Nancy Lee Spriggs of Flagstaff, Ariz. Lloyd and his wife, Fern Ann (Terril), have five children — Karen (Mrs. Jay Bunch) of Pleasant Hill who has one daughter, Carrie; Linda (Mrs. Doug Kruse) of Richmond, Mo.; Dale, Dennis, and Loraine of Pleasant Hill. Helen and her husband, Lawrence Bohannon, have four children — Cheryl Aquino who has two sons, Brad and Hosea; Barbara, Steve and Connie of the home. Nancy and Keith Spriggs have five children; Cindy, Kathleen, Philip, Jesse, and Ginger. Cassie died in Dec. of 1973 in Pleasant Hill.

Claude and his wife Elizabeth of Monroe, Mich. have two daughters; Meredith and Marylin. Clyde and his wife, Mildred of Pleasant Hill, have one son, Earl, also of Pleasant Hill. He and his wife, the former Pat Gray, have two children, Jimmy and Janice of the home.



James Robert Elliott.

JAMES ROBERT ELLIOTT

James Robert Elliott, son of Thomas and Susan Evans Elliott, was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, January 19, 1864. When he was a baby, his family moved to Missouri, settling in Harrisonville. Here he grew up and received his education. He met and married Miss Fannie McGruder and they were the parents of eight children, three dying in infancy. Fannie McGruder Elliott passed away in 1905, leaving Jim, as he was familiarly called, with five very young children. Jim was a stone mason and some of his work can still be seen in Harrisonville. He was a deacon in the Second Baptist Church, also Sunday School teacher.

On November 20, 1913, he married Mrs. Clara Turner Hayden of Lawrence, Kansas. She was a wonderful mother, ardent church worker and loved by all who knew her. Clara Elliott passed away March 6, 1960.

Jim had four sisters, Nancy Jones, Mary Elizabeth Page, Levenia Jacobs and Fannie Elliott; and one brother, Charles Elliott.

On February 23, 1933, Jim passed away. He was well known and a highly respected citizen. The children of Jim Elliott were: Harrison B. Elliott, who passed away November

1939; Milton T. Elliott, who passed away Sept. 22, 1969; Mrs. Leta Mae Thompson, Kansas City, Missouri; Sharon Elliott, known to many as Ted, Kansas City, Missouri; and Burns Franklin Elliott. On April 30, 1947, Burns and Miss Mary Elizabeth Frazier, daughter of James Lyman and Edna (Simpson) Frazier of Lexington, Missouri, were married. Twins were born to them Feb. 26, 1951, and died shortly after birth. Burns and Mary make their home in Harrisonville.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ELLIS

George Washington Ellis was born in Pendleton Co., Ky., Oct. 16, 1829, died 1916, married Dec. 6, 1853 Rhoda Ann Stratton who was born Dec. 18, 1834, Clermont, Ohio, died Apr. 1875. Both are buried in Cleveland Cemetery. They settled first on a farm near Weston, Platte Co., Mo. in 1855 then a few years later moved to Cass Co., Mo., locating on a farm which later became a part of Cleveland, Mo., where they lived the rest of their lives.

The family was active in church work in the New Hope Baptist Church at West Union. Mr. Ellis was "Squire" or Justice of Peace for several years, and couples often came to his home on horseback to be married. When the town of Cleveland was originated in 1890, Mr. Ellis became its first postmaster, the office being in a room of the Ellis residence, and the mail was carried from West Line by a neighbor, A. A. Noyes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis had 6 children: John Edward, Charles, Anna, Dora, Lois and Lula.

John Edward Ellis was born in Platte Co., Mo., Aug. 24, 1855, died Dec. 10, 1923, married Feb. 24, 1878 Susan F. McDowell who was born in West Virginia, died Mch. 6, 1925. Both are buried in Cleveland Cemetery. They bought a farm ½ mile south of the present site of Cleveland, and built their residence there in 1885. This house was destroyed by development workers Oct. 20, 1972. For many years Mr. Ellis owned and operated a general store in Cleveland. He was a member of the Cleveland Christian Church, Fraternal Aid, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ellis had 3 children: George Orville, Jewell Edmund, and Dovie D.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ENDECOTT

Benjamin Franklin Endecott was born 9 Sept. 1842, Clay Co., Mo., died 14 May 1902 Miami Co., Kans., buried New Lancaster, Kans., married 25 Jan. 1876 Sarah Elizabeth Edwards, daughter of William and Celia Ann Owen Edwards, born 10 July 1862, died 6 Nov. 1938, buried New Lancaster.

Benjamin Franklin[8] Endecott, 8th generation of his known Endecott ancestry in this country, was son of Clayton[7] and Eletha B. (Rollins) Endecott of Ky. and of Mo. after 1829, who was son of Joseph[6] Endecott of N.J. and Woodford Co., Ky., who was son of Thomas[5] and Sarah (Welsh) Endecott of N.J., Ky., and Posey Co., Ind., who was son of Joseph[4] and Ann (Gillam) Endecott of Burlington Co., N.J., who was son of Joseph[3] and Hannah Endecott of Salem, Mass. and Burlington Co., N.J., who was son of Dr. Zerubbabel[2] and Mary (Smith) Endecott of Salem, Mass., who was son of Gov. John[1] and Elizabeth (Gibson) Endecott of Eng. and New Eng.

Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Elizabeth Endecott had 7 children, born Drexel, Mo. or near Drexel but in Miami Co., Kans., who were: Thomas William born 7 July 1878, died 4 Apr. 1943; John C. born 11 May 1880, died 3 Dec. 1884; Lethie Ann born 11 Apr. 1883; Roy Benjamin born 7 May 1886; Viola Gertrude born 27 Nov. 1888; Howard E. born 21 Nov. 1895; and Ora Lymon born 3 Aug. 1899.

Roy Benjamin Endecott remained in the community of his birth until early manhood then homesteaded a tract of land in South Dakota. He married 5 Apr. 1913, Garnett, Kans., Edna P. Ballard born 22 Dec. 1892, Welda, Kans. They owned and operated the store at Main City, Mo. for 26 years, the store rebuilt by Roy who also added the locker plant. In 1946 they moved to Meridian, Idaho, living there until Apr. 1962 when they moved to Archie, Mo. For many years Roy was a contractor and carpenter. He was Mayor of Archie for 2 years. They had 5 children: Roy Denzil born 11 Jan. 1914, died 23 April 1961; Edna Irene born 19 Jan. 1917, died 29 Mch. 1936; Wanda Lea born 25 Aug. 1920; Laura Elda born 10 Feb. 1922; and Dorsella Dean born 17 June 1926 who married Emmette Dade Cantrell.

The Main City Store run by Roy Benjamin Endecott.

LAWRENCE ENGELBRECHT

Lawrence and Marilynn Engelbrecht, along with their three children, Cheryl 5, Deborah 4, and Dwayne 2, moved to Cass County on July 31, 1959 from Lee's Summit, Mo. They bought the place northeast of Harrisonville known as the Old Chrisman Farm. Later on, 2 more children were born to them there: Janette on Oct. 28, 1959 and Jennifer on Jan. 12, 1962.

Lawrence worked in Kansas City as a tile setter. During their first year in Cass County, they discovered the real forces of nature. In April of 1960, the big Good Friday flood covered

most of their farm, some places over 12'. The same year, in November, a small tornado formed out of a rain storm and descended on them. Traveling very near the house, it destroyed a barn and chicken house, feet from where they were sleeping. Rebuilding after the storm, things began to settle down when another disaster struck. Another barn was destroyed by fire.

In June of 1973, the Engelbrechts started their own tile business, known locally as "Cass County Ceramic". They serve over 10 counties in Mo., as well as in the state of Kansas.

JACOB ENSMINGER

The Jacob Ensminger family arrived in the Belton-Raymore area in 1922, moving here from Staver, Mo. The Ensminger family lived on a 400 acre farm known as the R.A. Long farm. Jacob Ensminger and Sons were widely known for their show hogs and cattle. They won numerous awards and ribbons at 4-H shows, county and State Fairs. One of his sons dedicated a book to his father in the following words.

> "To the memory of my father, the late Jacob Ensminger, who was my first instructor in animal science and the best stockman I have ever known, this book is dedicated."

His sons, Harry and Leonard graduated from Raymore High School. Genet and Douglas graduated from Belton High School. During these years John and Virginia Belt, Mrs. Ensminger's parents, passed away while they were living with the Ensmingers. In 1926 their 7th and last child was born.

In 1913 the Ensmingers left this area moving to another farm in the Grandview area.

In 1956, Ella Ensminger was honored as Missouri Mother of the year. Her pastor, the Rev. William Icenogle said, "Her Christian character has been reflected in her relationship as a mother in the home, as a neighbor and as a citizen. Through many sacrifices, she has enabled her children to be outstanding citizens in their communities, and even throughout the world."

Jacob Ensminger passed away May 5, 1941 and Ella Ensminger passed away Oct. 5, 1973.

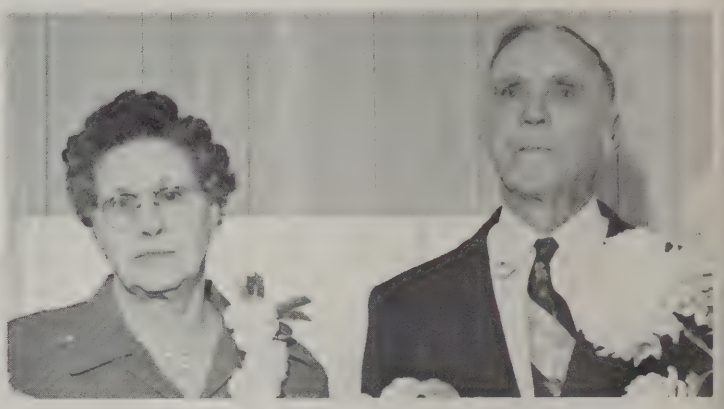
LOYD ERVIN

Loyd Ervin is the son of Walter Green Ervin, who married Elizabeth Parthena Powell, and they lived in Lee's Summit where his father ran a pool hall. They moved to the Hadsell community and had three sons, Buford, now deceased, Loyd and John. Loyd and his wife have lived 1½ miles northeast of Gunn City for 32 years and celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary May 24, 1972, at the Christian Church in Pleasant Hill.

Loyd's wife's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Strack. Her father came to America from Alsace, Lorrain over 75 years ago. His country was taken over by the Germans and in order to avoid the German draft, he swam across the river to get away. Later three of his brothers came over one by one. They were Frank and Martin of Oklahoma, and Ignatz of Kansas City. Loyd's wife was born in 1902 in the east bottoms and old Electric Park was just across from her home. Loyd and his wife were married in 1922 at St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Loyd and his wife have three children: Betty Ervin Constant of Independence, who had two children, Jimmy, 22, who died in a car accident at Warrensburg and Loretta, 12, of the home; Earl, who married Ann Lyness and has a foster son, Alex Lyness; Don married Mary Barnard and they have three children, Timmy, 15, Mary Lynne, 12, and Donna Kaye, 7, and they live in the Hadsell community.

Loyd and his wife have lived in and around this community for the past 50 years. We also went through the depression years and know what that is all about.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans.

FRED EVANS

The Evans family has known the settling and development of Cass County, as William Frederick Evans was born in February 29, 1876, the son of William Newman Evans and Mary Elizabeth Yost Evans, pioneers of Cass County. Mr. William N. Evans was born June 7, 1832 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army and served as a Veterinarian. From then on he was known among his close friends as "Doc" Evans. After the war he settled on the "Old Trail", what is known now as 58 Highway east of Belton. In 1870 he married Mary Elizabeth Yost, daughter of George and Elizabeth Ritter Yost, also natives of Kentucky. The Yost family had settled south of High Grove Road near Grandview, so when the Civil War broke out, the Yost men joined the Confederate army. Under order No. 11, they were driven from their home and it was burned. A young daughter was very ill that night and she died of exposure. They then settled near Freeman. Upon their return they homesteaded land on the Cass-Jackson County Line. Squire Evans, as he was known generally, was prominent in early local history, serving on the Immigrant Committee, Grand Jury, Belton Fair Director, Masons, and church and schools.

Fred was one of seven children, George, Cora, Thomas, Fred, John, Laura Long and Mary McPheeters. Fred was married on October 21, 1903 to Miss Mollie Perkins at the home of Rev. Charles Scarritt in Kansas City. They attended the American Royal while there, as part of their wedding celebration. Mr. Evans being a well known stockman had a record of attending the first American Royal, and every year during the years up until the time of his death, thus the American

Royal was always a highlight in their lives. They established their home east of Belton. Mrs. Evans was the daughter of John R. and Melvina Dealy Perkins. Their families came to this area from North Carolina and North Tennessee and settled near Lone Jack long before the Civil War. After their marriage in 1876, they came to the Raymore-Belton area and settled southeast of Belton on what is known as the Pickering Farm and then known as Harrelson Station. Mollie was the third child in this family of fourteen children.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans celebrated their Golden Wedding in October 1953, Mr. Evans was a charter member of the Eastern Star at Raymore and a past president of the Raymore School Board, sixty-one years a Mason and 33 years a farm manager. They were the parents of three daughters, Margaret of Kansas City, who married Robert Ross Clendenen, son of Robert Ross and Josephine Morrow Clendenen, of northeast of Raymore. Elizabeth of Belton, who married John P. Perry, son of John O. and Maude Ragland Perry of Belton, and June Bullock of Raytown, who married William S. Bullock, son of Elphus and Beulah Stewart Bullock of Belton. There are two grandchildren, Rev. Fred W. Hodkins, son of Mrs. Perry by a former marriage, Fred and his wife, Gale reside in Longmont, Colorado, where he is associate minister of the First Congregational Church, and Mrs. Chester Durnal (Betty June Bullock) and her husband are residents of Raytown, where both are teachers at the Longview Community College.

Mr. Evans passed away April 17, 1956 and Mrs. Evans passed away Feb. 12, 1964.

WILLIAM NEWMAN EVANS

William Newman Evans was born near Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky June 6, 1832, the son of John P. (born in South Carolina in 1781, served in war of 1812, in battle of New Orleans), and Rebecca (Osborne) Evans. In 1835, he came with his sister, Unity, and her husband, Joseph Gilmore, to Missouri and settled in Lafayette County near Lexington. He grew up and was educated here. When 18, he joined Russell, Waddell, Majors and with Martin, Pomeroy and others went overland to California in 1849, where he stayed three years. He came back to St. Louis and Madison County, Ill. and was married to Miss Nancy Ellen Hayes in 1860. They were parents of Margaret (Manary) and Anna (Crawford). After serving in the Union Army, he returned to Raymore communty, then called Quick Hill, where the only resident was his sister, Unity Gilmore and family. Nancy Ellen died in 1868 and is buried in Blue Ridge Cemetery on Truman farm in Grandview. In 1870, he married Mary Elizabeth Yost, born near Lexington, Kentucky, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ritter Yost. To them were born: George (married Sonotra Brown), Thomas, Cora, William Fredrick (married Mollie Perkins), John Osborne (married Lillian Wilkinson), Laura Ellen (married Will Long), Mary Elizabeth (married J. L. McPheeters). The Gilmores were well known for Gilmore School, as good an educational facility as could be found in the area. The only road at this time was the Old Trail, known today as Hi-way 58, running from Kansas State line to Pleasant Hill. When Fred was overseer, all roads were laid out from this point.

The W. N. Evans Family in 1905.

William Newman was active in bringing the railroad and mail service to the area, having made connections with prominent people in St. Louis. He served on the Emigrant Committee which brought permanent and substantial citizens into the county. He was president of the Belton Fair Assoc., the Farmers Bank of Belton, active in Masonic and Republican in politics. George lived his life time on the family farm and was well known throughout the area as a prominent Hereford breeder. This farm is known as Silver Lake.

(See Fred Evans history)

John married Lillian Wilkinson, both graduates of Ottawa University, candidate for nomination for Governor of Kansas at time of his death in 1924. They had five children: Jack Jr., Frank Newman, Bernard, William and Josephine. All moved to California in 1925. All became prominent in community affairs in their areas.

Laura married William Long. They had two sons, Mack, Mayor of Pleasant Hill many years, and Charles Newman.

Mary married J. L. McPheeters. They had five children: Newman, Truman, Fred, Mary, all living in California and Rose Oneita, deceased.

This family covers life of one pioneer family in this area in the last 100 years, and is written by one who remembers many stories and yarns as told by her grandfather. She remembers his adoration of the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, and how he wanted to copy it. She tells of ice cream cones being made and sold at Belton Fair in 1904 by Aunt Maggie Manary, who got the recipe at the St. Louis World's Fair. The Manarys had a bakery and restaurant on Main Street in Belton, selling bread at 5¢ per loaf and a full four course dinner for 80¢.

Judge Evans claimed President Lincoln as a friend and early pictures and clippings bear this out. He died in 1908 and is buried beside Mary Elizabeth in Raymore Cemetery. Thus ends my saga of life in Raymore area following the Civil War, the Spanish American War, and the First World War, where my husband Ross Clendenen was a radio technician. We did not have radios until after this last war. This was the day of fine livestock and fairs, trotting horses, sleigh rides and hay rides, bands, singing around the organ and guitar and later the piano, china painting, spelling bees and pie suppers, and quilting bees and church for the older women. For the older men reminiscing on the wars past and dreaming visions of the area. Perhaps Kansas City would even come that far south.

DANIEL P. EWING

Daniel P. Ewing (1866-1899) and Katherine Christopher (1873-1925)* were married in Harrisonville, Missouri December 12, 1894, and of this union were born two children, Clark C. Ewing, December 4, 1896 and Joel R. Ewing, February 9, 1898. During his high school years Clark displayed his musical talent by learning to play the trombone, a hobby he enjoyed through out his life, having been a member of White's Concert Band of Harrisonville, and the Ararat Shrine Band of Kansas City. Upon graduation from Harrisonville High School he went to Kansas City where he was employed by Christopher Mercantile Co., and other wholesale grocery companies. He enlisted in the Navy in 1917 for the duration of World War 1. He married Hazel Robinson October 15, 1923 and two children were born to them. Jean was born on August 10, 1924 and Nancy October 27, 1931. Jean Ewing was married to Ben Stodghill. They are the parents of four children, Ben Jr., Mike, Robbin and Nancy. Nancy Ewing married Tom Poland and were the parents of two children, Lorie and Clark. Hazel Ewing and Clark Ewing are deceased.

Joel Robert Ewing, after graduating from the Harrisonville High School in 1916, was employed by the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Ewing remained with the bank, with the exception of a period of time spent in the Navy in 1918, until 1948, when he resigned to go into the farm implement business. He operated this business until 1960, at which time he purchased the Conger Abstract Co. He retained the Abstract company until 1964 when it was sold.

On July 22, 1925 he was united in marriage with Rita Catherine Carter and on August 23, 1930 a son was born to them, George Carter Ewing. For many years Joel served as Treasurer of Hurley Lee Spicer Post #42 the American Legion. In 1925 he was elected Commander of the Post. He was active in the formation of the Legionnaire Fire Department and for several years served as Fire Chief. He is a 50 year member of the American Legion Post and also a 50 year member of Cass Lodge #147. Over a period of several years Ewing served as Master of Cass Lodge, High Priest of Signet Chapter and Commander of Bayard Commandery.

He was elected to the City Council of Harrisonville in 1933 and served until 1942 when he was selected as Mayor. He held this office until 1948.

He is a member of St. Peters Episcopal Church and he has served as a member of the Vestry and as Senior Warden.

Carter Ewing, after graduating from Harrisonville High School, enlisted in the Marine Corps. During his enlistment he spent one year in Korea. After returning home he married Bonnie Lou McKitrick on February 20, 1954. They are the parents of two children. David Robert was born November 17, 1955 and Richard Daniel on April 7, 1957. In his senior year in 1974 Danny was selected as an American Field Service exchange student and he spent the year of 1975 in Perth, Australia.

Carter Ewing is Vice-President and Treasurer of Plaza Savings Association, past president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club and a member of St. Peters Episcopal Church vestry and Senior Warden.

*see Christopher

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RUTH AND LEOTA EWING

Ruth and Leota Ewing, long time residents of Creighton, Mo., are the daughters of James Willis and Frances Elizabeth Daugherty Ewing. The father was a farmer who was born Nov. 27, 1856, in Findley, Ohio, a son of John and Orpha Carr Ewing. The mother Frances Elizabeth Daugherty, was born Sept. 23, 1857 in Union, Mo.

James Ewing was 12 years old when he came from Ohio with his parents to Missouri, and they located in a farm three miles south of Warrensburg. He attended the district school along with his brothers and sisters, Jimmie Hall, James and Fannie Daugherty, Billy and Sarah Smith, the Lewis children and many others. These children also attended singing school at night, where James was an apt pupil.

James Ewing and Billy Smith made sleighs, and soon James was taking Fannie Daugherty out sleigh riding. The friendship developed into courtship, and they were married one Sunday night, Oct. 8, 1879, in the rural church they attended regularly. James found a small farm in Bates County, and that was their first home. Later he farmed in Johnson County, then came to Creighton when that town was in its infancy — 1886. He built a meat shop with two rooms and living quarters were in the rear. Later Mr. Ewing built a home with two rooms and added more as the family grew.

Ruth Ewing has written a wonderful account of her memories of her family, businesses and many early citizens of Creighton. It is too long for this book, but is on file at the Cass County Historical Society.

Eight children were born to James and Fannie Ewing. Carl was born in 1880, and lived only three months. Maude was born June 20, 1881, married John Hanley Jones June 10, 1901, and died April 19, 1919. Lula was born Dec. 19, 1884, married Cleveland F. Price Jan. 10, 1904, and died July 19, 1967 in St. Joseph, Mo. Leota was born March 27, 1887. James Upton was born Feb. 1, 1889, and married Ora Mae Kepner Sept. 2, 1917. Nona Mildred was born July 18, 1892, married Ralph H. Evarts on July 10, 1918, died May 4, 1927 in St. Joseph. Lee Hall was born April 8, 1894 and died Feb. 17, 1910. Ruth was born May 7, 1896.

James Ewing died Oct. 20, 1918 at the age of 62, and his wife died Oct. 29, 1933. Leota taught the primary room at Creighton school from 1931 to 1942. In March 1938 Ruth and Leota moved to the farm. In 1953 Leota retired from teaching. The last 8½ years had been spent teaching in county rural schools. Ruth was, by her own description, a farmerette until her retirement in 1961.

The influence of this family in the Creighton community will be felt for many years, for Mr. and Mrs. Ewing and their children, Upton, Leota and Ruth, helped with so many good things. In this year of the Creighton Centennial, this family name will be heard many times.

SHIELDS W. FAIR, M.D.

Dr. S. W. Fair, who was born in 1873, came to Raymore in 1899 to begin his practice of medicine. He came directly from medical school. His first patient was W. H. Barron, who was ill with pneumonia and Dr. Fair successfully treated and cared for him, in the days when antibiotics were unknown. This started him on a long successful career in medicine.

Dr. Fair later moved to Belton where he practiced for a number of years, later moving to 75th and Waldo in Kansas City for another long practice at that location. He died there in January 1950.

While living in Belton, Dr. and Mrs. Fair became the parents of twin girls, who died later. They had no other children. Mrs. Fair died some years after the doctor.

Dr. Fair typified the old time country doctor who made house calls and often forgot about charges when he knew the family was in dire straits. One particular time he had a patient in the hospital who needed blood desperately. No money was available for this, so Dr. Fair became the donor for his patient. It was quite by accident that this event became known, for he was an humble and dedicated physician. Many Cass County residents held him in high esteem.

CHANCEY E. FAMULINER

Chancey E. Famuliner was born August 6, 1898. He and his wife, Lula, live in Garden City vicinity on the home place of Charles E. Famuliner which he bought in 1872. He was married to Miss Mary Alice Blaine in 1876. Both are now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: George W. and Arthur C., both deceased; Lula (Mrs. A. L. Burch) and Chancey. They left each of their children a well improved farm.

Chancey and Lula have one son, Cleo, born November 6, 1917. Cleo's wife, Opal, died December 10, 1975. Cleo has two children, Charles C. and Emma Lou.

Charles lives in Wilmington, N.C., and is employed with the Wachovia Mortgage Co. He and his wife, Linda, have two small children, Chancey C. and Anna Beth. Emma Lou married William F. Hall, an accountant in various firms in Kansas City, Missouri. They have two small children, Michael and Danny.

Chancey's grain and livestock farm is located two and one-half miles west of Garden City, Missouri and one-half mile south of Highway 7.

Cleo's farm joins his father's on the west. They farm together on several hundred acres. The land is kept in good condition, well fenced and cross-fenced, with soil tests and rotated crops — in corn not more than three years followed by oats and soybeans, red clover and timothy for hay. An ample supply of water is available from wells, ponds and dams. This farm has a 2200 foot landing strip. Their plane, a Cessna 172, is housed in a hangar at the back of the home and is used mostly when a breakdown occurs in the machinery, and occasionally for pleasure trips.

FRANK FAMULINER

Frank Famuliner was born Feb. 10, 1917, son of Arthur C. and Irma (Gross) Famuliner, who were married in the home of her parents Nov. 30, 1910 by the Rev. D. W. Britton. Both are now deceased. Their children were: Erwin, deceased; Frank; Arlie, who lived on the homeplace; Jack, who lives in South Carolina; Blaine, who lives on the Gross farm inherited by their mother from her parents.

Frank Famuliner and Helen Sisk were married Aug. 23, 1956, and live on a farm located next to the home where Frank was born, part of the property of his father, 2 miles west of Garden City, Mo.

Helen Famuliner is the daughter of Buford and Blanche Sisk who now live in Garden City after retiring from a lifetime of farming. Helen was formerly married to Ralph Keith King, June 16, 1946. He lost his life in the Korean conflict, missing in action Aug. 6, 1952 and declared dead by the U.S. Government Feb. 11, 1953. Helen has an only brother, Darrell Sisk, also a farmer.

Frank Famuliner was associated in farming and stockraising with his father until the latter's death in 1967. Frank and his brother Blaine are now engaged in farming on a vast number of acres in grain and livestock.

JAMES B. FAMULINER, JR.

James B. Famuliner, Jr., whose father, James B. Famuliner, Sr. and grandfather, George W. Famuliner biographies appeared in Glenn's History of Cass County, was born on April 14, 1921 at the farm where he now lives. The home is located 5 miles South West of Harrisonville on 280 acres which George W. acquired soon after settling in Missouri in 1875. He subsequently passed these acres on to his son James, Sr. who farmed there all of his life. At his death in November 1951, the farm became James'. James' Mother was the late Martha Shumate Famuliner.

James was married to Mamie C. Brewington of Tulsa, Oklahoma April 26, 1942 and they are the parents of two daughters, Sharon K. Famuliner de Deleo'n of Guatemala, and Dorthy J. Jungmeyer of Peculiar, Missouri.

James served his country during World War II as an aviation radar technician in the Navy. After the war he returned to the trade of electrician which he still "sandwiches" in between his farming duties.

Since acquiring the farm, James has built terraces, waterways and seeded approximately 200 acres of improved pasture from which he harvests seed and hay as well as haylage. He stores the haylage in one of two silos. He raises 55 acres of corn each year which he cuts as silage to be stored in a silo also. He has a beef cow herd which he raises, feeds, and sells direct from the farm. He also owns 80 acres near Garden City which is in fescue pasture.

James has been a delegate to the Cass County Soils and Crops conference, each year, since he started farming. He was a member of Balanced Farming Ass'n which has been his mainstay in his progressive farming. He and his family received the County Farm Management Award in 1958 and the State Farm Management Award for Cass County in 1975. He is a member of the Christian Church in Harrisonville.

He feels very fortunate in having the opportunity to be a steward of the soil and his ultimate goal is to pass this same opportunity on to his grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and family.

FRED LESTER FARMER

The original land grant made to William Farmer in 1848 is a prized possession of the present owner of the farm, Margaret Farmer. This document was signed by the secretary of President James K. Polk on March 1, 1848.

William Farmer came to Missouri in 1844 and settled on 160 acres near Pleasant Hill. In the early 1830's Frederick and Margaret (Dame) Farmer moved to Missouri from Tennesee and David Dame Farmer was born to them in March, 1838. Frederick was born in Knox County, Tennessee in 1803 to John and Sarah Farmer. He and William were brothers.

Upon the death of William, David Dame Farmer inherited the farm and he and his wife Clara Cline, whom he married March 8, 1883, lived on it until his death March 11, 1903. David and Clara were the parents of two children, Cora Farmer Tallman and Fred Lester Farmer.

Fred Lester Farmer inherited a portion of the original farm and he and wife Margaret (Hilderbrand) Farmer lived there until his death July 1, 1973. Fred and Margaret were married on April 10, 1918 at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hilderbrand of Peculiar by the Reverend George C. Monroe.

Fred entered the army April 28, 1918 and served with the H.Q. Co. 356th Inf., 89th Division. After his return, he and Margaret moved to the farm on November 6, 1919. Their only child Freda Lee was born here.

Freda Lee Farmer and Dean W. Browning were married May 25, 1941 and their wedding reception was held in the old farm house. Dean and Freda had two children Judy and James. Several years after the death of her husband Dean, and the death of her father, Freda built a new home on a portion of the farm.

Three generations are still living on the farm; Mrs. Margaret Farmer, her daughter, Freda Lee Farmer Browning and her son James Browning who farms the ground and raises cattle. Freda also has a daughter, Judy Browning Long and she and her husband, J. C. and their daughter, Lana reside in Knob Noster, Missouri.

HARRY H. FAY

Along with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fay, Reginald M. Fay moved to Belton in May 1932 to operate the Fay & Son Hardware Store.

Harry Fay was a native Missourian, having been born at Butler, Missouri in 1880, the second son of Jane and Francis Fay. The Fay family later moved to a farm near Wilsey, Kansas. Harry attended Kansas State Agricultural College and was graduated with the class of 1901. He married Vera Hopper in 1907.

The Harry Fays farmed in Morris County, Kansas until 1919. They lived, for a time, in Ottawa, Kansas and later moved to Leavenworth, Kansas in 1923. Harry Fay was a Civil Service employee at Ft. Leavenworth until he moved with his family to Belton in 1932. In Belton, the Fays operated the Fay & Son Hardware store at the corner of Walnut and Main. The store burned in 1961. Failing health prevented further activity in public life by Harry Fay, who passed away in 1969. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera in 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Fay.

Reginald M. Fay was born in Wilsey, Kansas in 1908. He attended grade school in Morris County, Kansas, junior high school in Ottawa, Kansas and high school in Leavenworth, Kansas. He attended Central Business College in Kansas City. From 1928 to 1932 he worked for the Stowe Hardware and Supply Co. in Kansas City. From May, 1932, he moved to Belton to assist his father in the Fay & Son Hardware Co. In October 1932 he married Elnora McDowell, of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Reginald Fay was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in civic affairs. He served as Clerk of the Belton School Board for a number of years. He worked at Pratt & Whitney during the war years and returned to active management of the hardware store in 1946, continuing until 1961 when the building and contents were destroyed by fire in an electrical storm. The Fay Hardware Store was reopened at 415 Main in 1962 and continued in operation until May 1976. Mr. Fay was assisted in that operation by Wayne and Marguerite Harris until his retirement.

The Samuel F. Feeback Family in 1966.

SAMUEL F. FEEBACK

Samuel F. Feeback, an early Cass County resident, came to Missouri with his parents from Carlysle, Ky., where he was born. They made the trip in a covered wagon and settled near East Lynne, Mo.

Sam had a horse drawn hearse, ran a livery barn and was a horse and mule buyer.

He married Gertrude Stella Babylon of Warrensburg, Mo., in 1902.

The Feebacks moved to Belton in March, 1929 and farmed until their retirement. They were the parents of seven children and celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Feb. 10, 1966. Gertrude died on her 67th anniversary in 1969 and Samuel died Dec. 28, 1970.

Their children are all still residents of the Belton and Kansas City areas, except Ewing J. Feeback, born Oct. 18, 1921 who died during World War II in Dec. 1946 while a member of the armed forces.

The others are: Lee Erma who married Dwight Coryell. Dwight is retired. They live in Independence and have a son, Bruce and grandson, Kevin. Bruce is a machinist; Lyle B. (retired) of Belton who married Helen Kresse; Kinney of Belton, owns a trucking service and is married to Marjorie Dunseth. They have a son, Johnny, of Overland Park who married Loretta Kruger, (both commercial artists) have a daughter Marlene and a son, Todd; Sammie G. of Belton, a photographer for Environmental Protection, is married to Dorothy Sheehan; Elizabeth of Belton who married Robert E. (Bob) Jones, Judge of the County Court, North District, they have a daughter, Jean Ann who married Duane E. Hylton; Russell Allen of Belton, auctioneer, has two sons, Ewing J. and Russell Allen II. Ewing J. is married to the former Kathy Turner and they have a son Jason Lyle. Ewing J. is presently on the Belton Police Force. Russell Allen is currently in the construction business.

LAVALE BURK FERGUSON

Lavale Burk Ferguson was born at Lebanon, Va., October 31, 1894 and died April 22, 1975 at Pleasant Hill, Mo. Seventh child of fourteen, born to Emma Snead and Joseph Ferguson. Grandfather came from Ireland. Homesteading 5 thousand acres, Russell County, Va. His mother was half Spanish. He ran away from home at 12, working at a woolen mill in Freeze, Va. At sixteen he followed his brother, Neff to Pleasant Hill. They worked at Kellogg Greenhouse (A. D. Mohr.)

Married Blanch Sigler, 1914. Children: Joseph Garland, 1915-1937, employed by A. D. Mohr Greenhouse. Roe Lavale, 1918, married Louise Stock of Strasburg 1940, children: Lavale, Gwylyn, Sheila, Debbie; five grandchildren. Okemah, 1920, married Albert Hamilton of Pleasant Hill, 1939, children: Arbetta, Joseph, Michael, Patrick, Janell; six grandchildren. Jack Conrad, baby, 1923, deceased. Baby boy, 1924, deceased. Norma, 1927, married Eugene Ford of Archie, 1945, children: Larry, Timothy, Jeffrey, Saundra; four grandchildren. Ruth, 1931, married John Danforth of Harrisonville, 1950, children: Steven and Bicky, John Danforth died in car accident 1964, Steven died in car accident 1969; second marriage, Frank Redford of Holden, Mo., 1967, child: Frankie Lea; one grandchild. Three children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren live in Cass County.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavale Ferguson.

He was a horticulturist and designer of flowers. Worked at Kellogg Greenhouse 1910-1915, Longview Farms 1917-1924, Swope Park Greenhouse 1916-1917, Truck gardener 1924, raising tomato plants in hot beds 1924-1934, Ford Motor Co. 1934-1945.

He lived in Old Town on Highway 7 in Pleasant Hill, buying the Bush Estate in 1941, one of the oldest homes in Pleasant Hill. In 1944, built a greenhouse, operating it until his death.

Working at Kellogg's, he made floral designs to be shipped over the midwest, designing and planting flower beds on Longview Farm, Swope Park and Penn Valley, in Kansas City, some designs still in use today. He had no formal training. He handed this down to his son Lavale, three grandsons, Gene Ferguson, Bicky Danforth, and Mike Hamilton.

Active as Democratic Committeeman for 25 years. A proud moment when a grandson, Joseph Hamilton became Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County. A member of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church and American War Dads.

Not knowing the word defeat, in 1962, his greenhouse was

destroyed by fire. He rebuilt. In 1964 a tornado destroyed his greenhouse and home. His family said retire, but he rebuilt. A man is no bigger than the woman who stands behind him. In Jan. 1976, fire again took part of the greenhouse. Blanche, his wife, rebuilt again.

His death deprived us of another of our community's "Pioneers". Lavale lived on a moral "Frontier" where a man's word is his bond. He maintained that rare and sensitive balance between love and respect; a balance that seems so difficult for families to achieve in this day.

No member in his family questioned his parental authority, but more importantly, no member felt a lack of his genuine, heartfelt love. This extended to countless others who have known his helpful council and true concern.

He was truly appreciative of God's wonderful creation and worked lovingly and creatively with his plants and flowers. It is a rare human gift to be able to grow things in the "Plant World," but it is an even greater and God-given talent to help persons grow in the "eternal world".

Mr. and Mrs. Paris C. Flanary in 1899.

PARIS CLINGMAN FLANARY

At age 19, Paris Clingman Flanary came to near Freeman, Cass County, to live with his mother's half-sister, Rebecca (France) Maloney, and her husband Richard and family.

Paris was born in Lee County, Virginia, near the present village of Dryden, on December 3, 1865 to David Crockett Flanary and his first of 3 wives, Louisa Bailey. Grandparents were Silas Flanary (1812-1898) and his wife, Martha Horton. Parents of Silas were Thomas Flanary (born about 1782) and his first of 2 wives, Mary Bluebaugh. Thomas' father was John Flanary, Primitive Baptist minister who came from North Carolina to Lee County and died there about 1840.

Flanary kin preceded Paris to Missouri from Lee County, Virginia. By 1830, a Silas Flanary's widow Nancy and a John B. Flanary were in Jackson County. John and Zion, sons of Thomas, were in Jackson County by 1834 (some of Zion's descendants using the spelling Flanery now live in Cass County). An Elijah Flanary was there by 1840. North of the Missouri River, James Flanary, brother of Thomas, settled in Platte County in 1837. Paris, the late-comer to western Missouri, has over 60 descendants — almost all in Cass County. Morgan and Mack Flanary who lived near West Line and never married were sons of Travis Flanary, uncle of Paris.

Paris bought land in Everett Township and on March 9, 1898, at Harrisonville, married Bertha Ann Poland, daughter of Jacob and Lydia Ann (Baker) Poland of near Everett. Paris and Bertha farmed northwest of Everett, built a 3-room house where they raised their family, and had 9 children. Mabel Louise (1899-1901) and Willie C. (1916-1916) died young. Elbert Carr (1901-1957) married Amanda Marie Jones (9 children: Dollie, Elberta, Elmer, Lois, Melvin, Lyle, Hazel, Earl, and Shirley). Elsie Lydia (1903-1949) married Frank Lewis Osborn (2 children: Donald and Lester). Charles Crockett (born 1904), living near Archie, Mo., married Veneta Lucile Lucus (2 children: Raymond and Ruby). Vesta Lea (1908-1972) married Leroy Gordon Mosby (2 children: Evelyn and Hazel). Vena Lettie (1910-1956) married Chester Raymond Shipley (4 children: Norris, Arlene, Larie, and Joyce). Lee Clingman (1913-1965) married Virginia Jane Poindexter (2 children: Mildred and Thurman). Edna Lois (born 1918), living in Archie, married Winfred Russell Cantrell (3 children: Jean, Russell, and Larry).

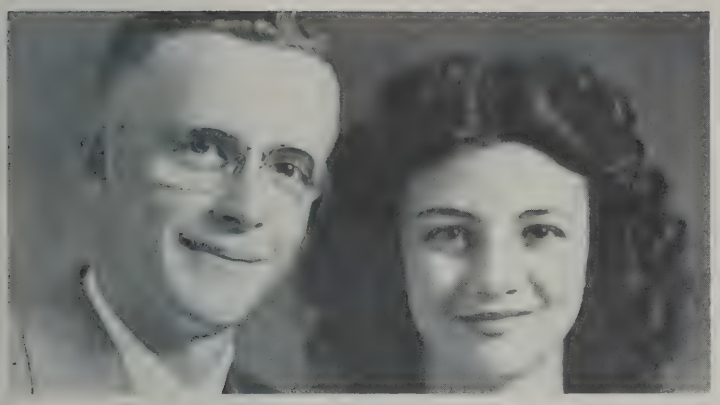
Paris died March 31, 1949 in Everett Township. His wife, Bertha, had died almost 20 years before, on September 30, 1929 at a hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Both are buried in the Everett Cemetery.

EUGENE S. FORD

Eugene Stice Ford was born on a farm 8 miles northwest of Archie, Mo., on April 14, 1923. His parents, Glen Ford and Grace Stice Ford were the parents of three sons, Robert, David, and Eugene. Gene attended the Hickory Grove School District #85 for eight years and then attended 4 years of high school in Harrisonville, Mo. He had to room and board in town as there was no school bus service at that time. He graduated in 1941. He lived for a short time in Kansas City, Mo. and worked at North American Aviation. Gene moved back to the home of his parents to help on the farm during World War II.

November 24, 1945, Gene and Norma June Ferguson were married in Kansas City, Kansas at the Central Christian Church by the Rev. G. I. Meyers.

Norma June Ferguson was born on September 20, 1927 to Lavale Ferguson and Blanch Sigler Ferguson, in Pleasant Hill, Mo. She attended Central Elementary School for one year. Her parents then moved to a farm west of Pleasant Hill and she attended Cross Roads School for two years, moving back to town in 1935 to a house on Highway 7, a short distance from the house where she was born. Norma then attended grade school and high school in Pleasant Hill, graduating in 1945. At the time of her marriage to Gene Ford, she was working at Luziers, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo. commuting daily by bus. They lived with Gene's parents, until September 1947. Norma and Gene moved to the Dave Mills farm 4 miles north of Gene's parents and he continued to farm with his Dad. In November, 1948, Gene and Norma bought the Ira MacDonald farm of 69 acres, still in residence in 1976. The Hickory Grove District #85 was on the northeast corner of this farm.



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ford.

August 30, 1950 Norma and Gene became the parents of a son, Larry Eugene. He was born in Harrisonville, Mo. Larry attended Hickory Grove School eight years, then attended, and in 1968, graduated from Harrisonville, Mo. High School. In 1969 Larry married Marcia Ann Lynn of Pleasant Hill, Mo. They became the parents of a daughter, Stacey Lynn, in April, 1970, and a son, Eric Steven in November, 1973. Larry and his family live near his parents home. He is a carpenter, working in Harrisonville, Mo.

August 18, 1953, a son, Timothy Burke, was born to Norma and Gene. Tim attended Hickory Grove School through 5th grade. District #85 then consolidated with Harrisonville Mo. schools and Tim completed his school days in Harrisonville. In 1972 Timothy married Kathy Diane Bourland of Harrisonville, Mo. Tim and Kathy became the parents of two daughters, Tina Marie 1973, and Christina Leann 1976. Tim joined the navy in 1974 for three years.

June 17, 1956, Norma and Gene became parents of their third son, Jeffery Dean, in Harrisonville, Mo. Jeff attended Hickory Grove School through 3rd grade. He graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1974. He is a resident of Harrisonville and is employed at Vario Veneer at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

June 11, 1960 Norma and Gene became parents of a daughter, Saundra June, at Harrisonville, Mo. Saundra has attended School at Harrisonville, Mo. through 10th grade.

Gene became employed at Bendix, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo. in 1954. He is member of Cass Masonic Lodge No. 147. Gene and Norma and their four children are members of Grand River Baptist Church. The oldest church in Blue River Assn.

Ancestors of this family were Irish, English, Spanish, Dutch and Pennsylvania Dutch. Came from Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

GLEN FORD

Robert Glen Ford was born on a farm south of Peculiar, Mo. on January 24, 1888. Glen's father had passed away six weeks before his birth. His parents were Robert Ford and Isadora Pebworth Ford. They had three sons and two daughters. All are deceased with the exception of Glen. In 1898 Glen's mother married David Spangler and the family moved to a farm south west of Harrisonville, Mo. in Hickory Grove Community. Glen and wife, Grace, became owners of this farm in 1944. He has lived on this farm 79 years. Glen attended Rocky Point School near Peculiar, Mo. and Hickory Grove School #85. This school house burned, but was rebuilt. He also went one year to high school in Freeman, Mo.

The Rev. George Monroe, of Harrisonville, Mo., married Glen and Grace Elizabeth Stice on November 27, 1917. Grace and twin sister, May, were born on a farm near St. Paul, Nebraska on August 14, 1897 to David and Agnes Norris Stice. She had two brothers and one other sister. When Grace was age four, the family moved to Paola, Kansas and, at age thirteen they moved to a farm in Prospect School District southwest of Harrisonville, Mo. Grace and May were identical twins and had lots of fun tricking people.

Robert Crawford, first son of Glen and Grace was born at the home December, 1918. In 1949 Bob married Jewel Good of Kansas City, Mo. They had two sons: Robert Allen, 1951 and Gregory, 1953, died in infancy. They have one grandson, Jason, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ford.

David Glen, second son, was born August, 1920 at the home. In 1946 David married Evelyn Pearson of Overland Park, Kansas. They have one son, David Keith and one daughter, Donna Louisa. They have 3 grandchildren: Christi, 1971; Scottie, 1972 and Stephanie, 1976.

Eugene Stice, third son, was born April 1923, at the home. Gene married Norma Ferguson of Pleasant Hill, Mo. They have three sons, Larry, 1950, Timothy, 1953 and Jeffrey 1956 and one daughter, Saundra, 1960. They have 4 grandchildren: Stacey, 1970; Tina, 1973; Eric, 1973, and Chisti, 1976.

Robert, David, and Eugene attended Hickory Grove grade school and Harrisonville, Mo. high school, each graduating from there. They were members of Freeman, Mo. 4-H Club. They raised beef cattle and raised and trained mules. Later, the mules were bought by Ed Frazier of Drexel, Mo. They were shown at the American Royal and Missouri State Fair. Robert and David served their country in World War II in the South Pacific. They were in the navy. Eugene stayed on the farm to help his father.

Glen Ford has been a farmer all his life. He raised Shorthorn cattle, hogs, sheep, mules and horses.

Glen and Grace are members of the Grand River Baptist Church. Glen was clerk 1924 to 1954 and was elected Deacon in 1937.

Isadora Pebworth (Glen's mother), when age 5, saw her home burned and all livestock taken by Kansas soldiers. This was done in Order No. 11. Her father was in the army. Her

mother wouldn't go back into the house because she was afraid soldiers would burn them with the house. Her grandson, Eugene, bought this farm in 1948.

Ancestors are Dutch, Irish and English. They came to Missouri in the 1800's by train and covered wagon from Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee.

GRANVILLE C. FOSTER

Granville C. Foster was born in Kentucky in 1828. His wife Nancy Jane Davis was born in 1829. they came to Cass County, Missouri from Stuebensville, Kentucky in 1881.

They were the parents of eight children. The oldest, Betty, died at age 16.

Harriet, Lucy, and John married while their parents were still living in Kentucky. John came to Missouri later and lived near Coleman, Missouri. The four younger children married and raised families in Missouri.

One son, Charles, married Anna Scott. They were the parents of five children: Dan, Gladys, Joe, Ted and Scott. Dan lives near Harrisonville. His sister, Gladys Scott, lives in East Lynn. Ted lives in California. Joe and Scott are dead.

Another son of Granville C. Foster was Martin L. Foster, who married Edna Moore. They were the parents of seven children. Their oldest daughter, Belle, died in infancy. Their oldest son, Robert, died in 1973. A daughter, Hazel Corley, is living near Harrisonville. Her sister Helen Anderson lives in California. Three sons, Charles, Martin and Delmer live in the Harrisonville vicinity and their mother Edna is living in Harrisonville.

One daughter of Granville and Nancy Foster was Judy Dunn. She and her husband Hugh Dunn raised a family of five. William and Bessie Gundy are deceased. Villa, Vernon and Esther Lewis live near Louisburg, Kansas.

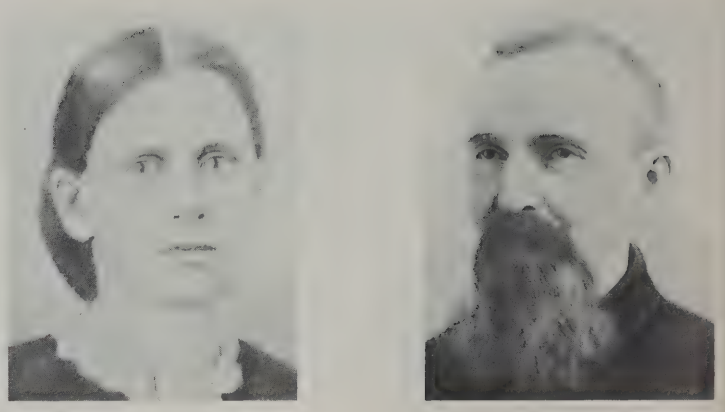
The other daughter of Granville Foster was Belle. She married Alva Bogshaw. Two of her daughters are still living. Martha Hook lives in Germantown, Tennessee. Ida Tannehill lives in Kansas City. Opal Miller, Nelle McMullin Youngren and their brother, Granville, are deceased.

Granville C. Foster died in 1911 and his wife Nancy died in 1908. They are buried in the Burford Cemetery south west of Harrisonville near the farm where they settled in 1881.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOWLER

Benjamin Franklin Fowler was born 1 Jan. 1829, Madison Co., Ky., died 6 Dec. 1913, Cass Co., Mo., married 26 Oct. 1859, Cass Co., Susan Mary Harris, daughter of Fleming and Nancy Walker (Lyon) Harris, born 6 July 1841, Van Buren (Cass) Co., died there 31 July 1893.

He was son of Thomas and Emily (Tevis) Fowler of Madison Co., Ky.; grandson of Jeremiah Fowler who settled there



Benjamin Frank and Susan Mary Harris Fowler.

before 1792 and of Jeremiah and Hixie (Lowery) Tevis of Madison Co., Ky. and Cooper Co., Mo.; great-grandson of Jeremiah and Drucilla (Isaac) Fowler of Prince Georges Co., Md.

B. F. Fowler spent a year in Cooper Co., Mo. with Tevis relatives then came to Cass Co. 1855 and bought a farm NW of Gunn City. When his father died 1856 he went back to Madison Co., Ky. to take care of family affairs, returned to Mo. 1858 and during the Civil War moved to a farm on the E. edge of Harrisonville. After his mother-in-law's death he bought part of the Fleming Harris land, about 3 miles NW of Harrisonville, where the family moved and settled. This farm had been in the Harris-Fowler family some 112 years when sold 1947 by Tom and his sister Mary Eliza Fowler.

B. F. Fowler was a member of the Methodist Church which his wife, formerly a Baptist, joined after their marriage. He, his wife and two daughters were buried in the Harris family cemetery but moved 1923 to Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, where are buried three other daughters and a son.

The children of B. F. and Susan M. (Harris) Fowler, all born Cass Co., were: (1) Carrie Belle Fowler, 1861-1873. (2) Nannie Franklin Fowler, 1863-1939, married William Sorency Byram. (3) Ettie May Fowler, 1866-1909, married 1903, Cass Co., Samuel Baughman McRoberts, 1861-1939, had children: (a) Carroll Benjamin McRoberts married 1926, Belton, Mo., Minta Fay Pennington and had sons Carroll B. Jr. and Donald Gene McRoberts. The McRoberts Sr. are retired and moving to Belton. (b) Mary Lu McRoberts married first 1927, Kansas City, Michael Bernard Rice, 1906-1930; married second 1935, Vancouver, Wash., George Dean Perrot, 1890-1974, no children. Mrs. Perrot lives Beaverton, Ore. (4) James Evart Fowler, 1868-1955, married 1893, Cass Co., Claudia Bell West, 1874-1959, both and their son buried Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, lived Ft. Scott and Paola, Kans., Long Beach, Calif., had children: (a) James Carlyle Fowler, 1893-1925, married 1923, St. Louis, Mo., Margaret Wilks, no children. (b) Ettie Louise Fowler married 1918, Lawton, Okla.. Leod Daw Becker, 1895-1962, while he in army and she teaching school in Cleveland, Mo., lived in N.Y. and N.J., Mrs. Becker now living in Miami, Fla., had sons Leod D. Becker Jr. of Lyons, N.J., James Fowler Becker of Miami, Fla., and Francis Christian Becker died infant. (5) Harry Milton Fowler, 1871-1961, married 1907, Cass Co., Kathryn Ilona Tavenner, 1880-1956, both buried Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, lived Harrisonville where he was Constable and J.P. of Grand River Twp. then Municipal Police Judge for Harri-

sonville 1951 until his death, had daughter Frances Eugenia Fowler married 1937, Cass Co., Lloyd Marcus Brewer, no children, live Colorado Springs, Colo. (6) Mary Eliza (Doll) Fowler, 1874-1970, unmarried. (7) Thomas Fleming Fowler, 1876-1961, unmarried. (8) Tessa Alice Fowler born 1878, married 1905, Cass Co., Ripley Carleton Smith, 1875-1962, he and their son buried West Union Cemetery near Cleveland, Mo. She taught school in Harrisonville and was one of first teachers in Cleveland 1903, now lives with daughter Mrs. Miller in Cleveland, had children: (a) Robert Milton (Prim) Smith, 1907-1971, married first 1927, Kansas City, Oneita Loraine Hooten and had son Lonnie DeWayne Smith; married second 1934, Eldorado Springs, Mo., Alice Hilma Powell and had daughter Pamela Ann (Smith) Milder. (b) Mary Phyllis Smith married 1940, Peculiar, Mo., James Edgar Miller, 1913-1973, no children. (9) Myrtle Agnes Fowler, 1881-1964, married 1907, Cass Co., Carl Samuel Zook, 1880-1963, both died La Mesa Calif., buried Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego, They went to Nome, Alaska after marriage to open the first government school, later lived in Wash., Ore., Calif., had children: (a) Mary Doris Zook married 1963, Holbrook, Ariz., Russell Phillips Andrews, live Santa Fe, New Mex. (b) Alice Elizabeth (Zook) Hart Schurr, 1909-1944, no children. (c) Joseph K. Zook married 1933, Vancouver, Wash., Nellie Elizabeth Lines, have adopted son Stanley Carl Zook, live Sisters, Ore. (d) Bonnie Lee Zook married 1943, San Diego, Calif., Arven Brown Handley, had children Betty June (Penny) (Handley) Warren and William Joseph Handley, live San Diego. (10) Lucile Fowler, 1885-1975, married first 1911, Cass Co., William Brady Stephens; married second 1919, Colorado Springs, Colo., Robert M. Allen, lived Colo. and Calif., no children.

GEORGE FOWLER

George Fowler lived near Peculiar, Cass Co., Mo. from January, 1919 until 1940.

Mr. Fowler was born November 6, 1865, in Inverness, Scotland. His parents were George and Isabelle (McKenzie) Fowler. The father, a stone mason, came to America in 1870 to establish a home for his family. After one year he sent for his wife and three sons, establishing his home in Sweet Springs, Missouri.

This was the first trip out of their native land. Needless to say, it was very disturbing to Mrs. Fowler since her parents were very apprehensive about her coming to America. They were sure "the cannibals would eat her children." She never saw her parents again. In 1893 a fourth son was born.

George II was the oldest of the four sons. He was six years old when he came to America. He grew to manhood at Sweet Springs, Missouri.

On May 11, 1893, he was married to Miss Jennie Morris and they began their life together on a farm near Sweet Springs. Four children were born to them — Mrs. Norman (Katherine) Dowdy, deceased; Mrs. Forrest (Nannie Belle) Bremer, Peculiar, Missouri; Mrs. Frank R. (Jennie) Davis, Peculiar, Missouri; George Wesley Fowler, Rupert, Idaho.

In 1900 Mr. Fowler, with his wife and three girls, joined an immigration party who were going to North Dakota to file claims in what was then cattle country. He staked out 160 acres and put up a tent for the family. Within a short time the tent was replaced with a sod house. It was in the sod house the son, George Wesley, was born.

In 1919 Mr. Fowler came to Peculiar, having purchased a 157-acre farm from Mr. Albert J. Phillips, south of Peculiar. He was engaged in general farming and livestock raising. When his wife's health failed, he retired from active farming and rented the farm to his son-in-law and daughter, Frank and Jen Davis. After a few years' renting, Mr. Fowler sold the farm to his son, George W., who farmed it two years and then sold to Robert and Mildred Dobson, who lived there several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Bates City, where they moved. Mr. Fowler passed away in 1940 and was preceded by his wife in 1934.

The Clifton Frank home, dates back to 1848, survived Order No. 11 and was once the home of President Truman's family.

CLIFTON FRANK

Clifton Frank was born Dec. 19, 1908 in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dean Frank, his parents came from Trivoli and Peoria, Illinois. He has two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Lemmon, of Raytown and Mrs. Dorothy Vance, of Grandview. His father died in 1946. His mother is still living at the age of 91.

Clarice Frank, his wife was born and raised in Browningtон, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Guy Church were her parents and natives of that community. She has a sister, Mrs. Clay Heard of Clinton, Mo., a brother, Charles Church of rural Deepwater, Mo., a brother, William Church, of Napa, Calif. and a brother, Roehl Church of Deepwater, Mo.

Clifton and Clarice met in Kansas City in the late twenties, were married Oct. 7, 1934. He worked for the Missouri Pacific Rail Road and she was a cosmetician in the National Fidelity Life Insurance Bldg. in K.C. Their first son, Brian Douglas, was born in Kansas City. In May of 1940, the Franks, with their young son, moved to Napa, California, where Clifton worked for the Mare Island Navy Yard as machinist for 6½ years. Their second son, Clayton Leroy, and daughter, Suzanne, were born in Napa, Calif.

In Oct. 1946 after World War II, they moved back to Mo. and settled 4½ miles southeast of Belton, Mo. on what was known at that time as the Sears farm. Clifton went back to work for Mo. Pacific R.R. as federal locomotive inspector and retired in 1973.

On June 8, 1963 Suzanne Frank was married to Kenneth Lynn, of Hickman Mills, Mo. They moved to Overland Park, Kansas. He is a methods engineer for the I.M.C.O. Container Co. in Kansas City. They have a daughter, Tammie Sue, and a son, Daniel Keith.

On June 2, 1968, Clayton Frank was married to Gladys Hader, whose home was Slater, Mo. She was teaching at that time at the Cambridge school in Belton, Missouri. They moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri. Clayton works for the Summit Engineering Company as a machinist. They have a daughter, Carla Kay.

Brian Frank was married to Betty Lou Hendrix, of Wheaton, Missouri, who, at that time, was teaching at the Hillcrest School in Belton, Missouri. They live in Belton. Brian teaches distributive education in the Belton High School. They have a son, Curtis Lee, and had a daughter, Christina Marie, deceased at birth.

In the year 1971, the Cass County Historical Society informed the Franks that their home was a childhood home of President Harry S. Truman. The society erected a marker and held dedication ceremonies on June 13, 1971.

LELA HALL FRANK

Lela Hall Frank is one of the Missouri sporting greats who made Cass County famous in the 1930s and 1940s.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Had Ammons of East Lynne, Lela has told of learning to shoot while hunting squirrels with her father. She started hunting when she was 16 years old and later joined the Blue River Shooting Club, which later became the Elliott Shooting Park, where she learned to shoot competitively.

In 1935 at the Elliott Club, Mrs. Frank broke her first 100 out of 100 clay targets. In trapshooting, a shooter gets 25 shots, five each from five different positions on a paved walkway. A clay target is thrown from electrically operated traps across the field.

Mrs. Frank set a women's world record in 1937 that still stands for the most number of clay targets broken in succession, 359. She was named to the men's all-American trapshoot team 13 times, and was four times the women's trapshooting champion of champions. In addition she was Missouri state women's trapshooting winner 13 times, and six times the California state champion.

She also placed third in the open division one year at the Grand Nationals Trapshooting meet, the world series of trapshooting, competing against both men and women. After moving to California several years ago, Mrs. Frank and her husband won the husband-wife state championship.

Lela Hall Frank was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1969. She was eight times women's clay target champion of North America, and along with Annie Oakley and Mrs. Ad (Plinky) Topperwein, is a female member of the Trapshooting Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirtley Elijah Franse.

KIRTLEY ELIJAH FRANSE

Kirtley Franse, better known as "Kirt", son of Peter and Celia Ward Franse was born in 1854 on their farm three miles south of Freeman. January 12, 1880 Kirt married Susan Virginia Harrison. "Aunt Jennie", as she was fondly known by all who knew her, came to Missouri from Rumble, Virginia in 1860 in a covered wagon when she was two years old. They were married in the Methodist Church in Harrisonville. She was the daughter of John L. and Sarah Bane Harrison. To this union eight children were born; Peter Ward died at 2 months; Perl married Claude A. Majors, Kansas City; Maude married Roy W. Dudley, deceased; Emma married Henry Miller, deceased; Ollie married George L. Thomas, deceased; Herman married Lessie Britton, Cleveland; Rebecca died at age 21; Edgar married Helen Cummings, Harrisonville.

Peter Franse gave Kirt and "Aunt Jennie" eighty acres of wilderness and swampland he had homesteaded, as a wedding gift. This wilderness has never been out of the Franse family. One year later, 1881, Kirt had purchased six more acres, the house was built on this hill 2½ miles southeast of Freeman. They had to use teams of oxen to clear trees to get to the hill to build their first home. The sills were hewn out of logs with a broad ax. This house had two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs. "Aunt Jennie" drove a team of oxen when they moved into their new home and all she had was a bullwhip and to remember to say Gee and Haw, for they had no lines. In May, 1892, their house burned. Three daughters were at school, they grabbed Ollie, the baby, out of the hi-chair and

left the hi-chair to burn. They cooked in the smokehouse, slept in the grainery and barn. July that same year they had built two new rooms. Their second son, Herman was born July 23, 1892. By November four more rooms were built, two upstairs and two downstairs. Three years later, in May, 1895, the barn burned. At one time Kirt had six houses on his farm, but he did not rent for these people helped on the farm.

Kirt and "Aunt Jennie" have three children still living. Perl Majors is 93 years old and lives in Kansas City, Missouri; Herman, 83, lives in Cleveland, Missouri; Edgar, age 77, in Harrisonville and has lived all his life in Cass County. Aliene Franse Brelsford, granddaughter of Kirt and daughter of Edgar Franse, compiled this research.

The Grand River Baptist Church held their 50th year celebration in Kirt's yard to honor Peter Franse.

Celia Franse, Kirt's mother, broke her hip in April, 1891 and lived to October, which was a long time for a broken hip in those days. She died in Kirt's home. "Aunt Jennie" was a charter member of the Shiloh Methodist Church, south of Freeman.

Besides rearing their own seven children, Kirt and "Aunt Jennie" found time to be parents to the children of her sisters children; Marvin Maloney, Carrie Lee and Urless Beck and also Lloyd Cook, who were orphaned in early childhood. "Aunt Jennie" was still riding horseback when she was 75 years old.

Kirtley E. Franse died in May, 1911, age 56 years. Susan Virginia Franse died June 25, 1954; 15 days before her 96th birthday. After her death the 297 acre farm was sold to E. L. Franse, grandson. After E. L.'s death the farm was sold to Gene Franse, youngest grandson of Kirt and "Aunt Jennie," keeping the farm in the Franse family.

PETER FRANSE

Peter Franse, a prominent pioneer farmer and stockman, was born August 10, 1815 in Virginia. Peter's father John Franz came from Germany, he had his name changed to Franse when he obtained his American Citizenship. At that time no one else had the name of Franse. In 1973 there were less than 300 households in the United States with the old and distinguished Franse name.

When Peter was 18 years old he wanted to "go west" so he left Virginia and came to Missouri. He was among the very first settlers in Grand River township. In Peter's prowling around he found Jerusha Jackson, a native of Grand River community, daughter of Elijah Jackson. They were married in Jerusha's home. Peter and Jerusha settled on a farm three miles south of Freeman. Two children were born to this union, Jackson Winfield and Fannie E. The Grand River Baptist Church, southwest of Harrisonville, was organized in Peter Franse's home April 4, 1844; VanBuren County. Jerusha died at a very early age, 28 years early in 1850.

May 5, 1850, Peter joined a company and went west to California's Gold Rush. A long, hard two thousand mile trip, with 5 yoke of oxen to the wagon. Several died from cholera in "old Fort Laramie", Wyoming. December, 1851, he started home from San Francisco by sailboat and had to go around South America, Cape Horn. Some days they had enough wind to sail fast and then again, they hardly moved. One day they stood

Peter Franse.

still and the men decided to take a swim, so overboard they went. When the crew spied a stream of water "going up" in the ocean, they knew a whale was near and you never saw so many naked men hurrying aboard. Took a steamship from Graytown to New Orleans, then a steamer from New Orleans up the Mississippi but could get no further than Cape Girardeau; took sleighs to Boonville and a stagecoach to Lexington. From Lexington he walked home, reaching Cass County February, 1852.

Peter married Celia Ward. To this union two children were born, Kirtley E. and Cinda. When Cindy was 4 years old the Civil War came, Peter joined and served under Gen. Sterling Price; he was captured at "Glorieta". While Peter was gone to war the Jayhawkers ran Celia Franse and a cousin, Nancy Zion off Peter's farm. The women were allowed to take an old wagon with hayframe, feather-bed for the four children, 1 mule and 1 cow to pull the wagon. The Jayhawkers took all the cattle, horses and burned the house. Celia Franse and Nancy Zion walked ¾ the way to Boone County. When Peter came home his hair was white. Had to re-establish his home for all the buildings had been burned and there was nothing left.

Peter and Celia Franse were charter members of the Freeman Baptist Church. Peter was one of the first deacons of the Church, continued his membership until his death. Peter Franse attended the "1879 Old Settlers" meeting for settlers in Cass County early in 1840's. A member of Cass County Association, Cass County Agricultural and Mechanical association.

Nine grandchildren are still living, three in their 90's. Perl Franse Majors, Kansas City, is 93; Rusha Franse Smith, New Mexico, also 93 and Homer Dolan, Oregon, almost 100 years old. This research was compiled by Aliene Franse Brelsford, great granddaughter of Peter Franse. Descendants still living in Cass County: two grandsons, Herman Franse, of Cleveland, and Edgar Franse, of Harrisonville. Edgar has lived all his life in Cass County.

The Grand River Baptist Church's 50th year celebration was held at Kirtley's farm to honor Peter Franse. One hundred or more families had a basket dinner in the yard. At this time Peter was very deaf so the church members gave him an ear trumpet and a gold cane. Peter Franse died November 15, 1897, in Winfield's home.

DAVID W. FRIEDRICH

David W. Friedrich's father, Gotlieb E. Friedrich (1863-1940), was born in Wurttenberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1880. He married Cecelia L. Siefker. Gotlieb Friedrich and his wife are buried at Levasy, Missouri.

David Friedrich, born at Levasy October 2, 1899, died April 6, 1973, married Anna May Sams, daughter of Bret H. Sams (1881-1968) and Bessie May (Bryant) Sams (1884-1966), on March 24, 1925. They made their home in Independence, Missouri, where three sons were born to them:

William Bret born March 26, 1926, married Helen Lucille Horn May 23, 1951. Their children are Gary David, born April 2, 1952; Terry Dale, born October 24, 1953, married Gwen Noell on August 26, 1972; and Lou Ann, born December 7, 1957.

Harold Raymond, born October 15, 1927, married Barbara Jean Morris (born April 23, 1932) on June 18, 1950. They have three sons and 1 daughter: Stephen Kent, born April 23, 1953, married Cherri Branstine, December 18, 1971; Scott Kevin, born June 4, 1957; Stanley Drew, born October 11, 1958; and Shelly Renee, born September 22, 1964.

Edward Ernest born August 23, 1935, married Marjory Ann Horn (born June 5, 1936) on May 18, 1957, at Lone Tree. They have two daughters and one son: Debra Kay, born April 11, 1958; Mary Ann, born January 15, 1960; and Daniel Bret, born November 4, 1961.

David and Anna May moved to a farm north of Harrisonville after their children were born and then moved to Gunn City, Missouri, March 1, 1963.

PHILLIP FULKERSON

The Fulkerson family in southern Cass County was started before the Civil War when Phillip Fulkerson and his wife Mary Jane came from Central Kentucky with one of her brothers. Their house was burned by Bushwhackers with about 5 minutes notice and they went back to Kentucky due to Order #11, to return in a few years when the war was over.

At least one of the three trips was made on foot with her carrying a small child and him carrying everything they owned on his back.

They were part of a family of Dutch (not German) people in New York City, who moved to New Jersey, then to Kentucky. Others went to Virginia and at present (1975) there is an enormous number of descendants all over the United States.

Phillip and Mary Jane eventually moved to a rather poor farm near Sugar Creek, south of Dayton. Their children tended to move south to the Ozarks. Their daughter, Margaret Adeline, married Ambus Morriss, after her first husband (Hubble) died, and lived south of Connelly School. Her only surviving child — Margaret Morriss — will be 100 years old if living in June 1976. William J. Fulkerson stayed on the family farm and of his children, Mary died of the Flu during World War I and his son, Ralph lived east of Connelly School for several years, then moved to Idaho and his father, William J., soon followed. Other descendants in Cass County, none by the name Fulkerson, are — Marjorie and Wendell Patterson, Harriet, Urson Charles, Jr., and Jason Logue, Linda, Anna and Lee Zellmer, and Elizabeth Driver.

JOHN FUNK

John Funk, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1817. Daniel Funk, his father, was a native of Pennsylvania. Christian Funk, his grandfather, served in Washington's Army during the Revolutionary War. John's mother, whose maiden name was Julia Ann Schrader, was also a Pennsylvanian by birth. Young Funk spent his youth on his father's farm with but little opportunity for receiving an education, his schooling consisting of about three months attendance at a subscription school during the winter season; however, he was a man well posted on the general issues of the day and a successful farmer and stockdealer. He was married in his native county January 31, 1837, to Elizabeth Zumbro (born Aug. 12, 1818), a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Zumbro. She died June 28, 1854, in Westmoreland County. Their six children were: Susanna, born Feb. 21, 1840, married James Tarr; Daniel J., born June 27, 1943, married Elizabeth Clendenen; Mary A., born May 7, 1845, married John Clendenen; John Schrader, born Oct. 25, 1847, married Nancy Realura Clendenen January 14, 1869; Abraham J., born Feb. 14, 1851; Henry Zumbro, born June 25, 1854.

The John S. Funk Family

Mr. Funk was married again September 20, 1855 to Anna Monroe, daughter of Joseph Monroe of Westmoreland County, who died Oct. 13, 1863. There were four children by this union: Nancy E., born June 28, 1856, married David Clendenen; James Franklin, born May 6, 1859; Florence, born March 16, 1861, married Alex Lightcap; and Margaret, born March 22, 1863, married Simerall. Of interest is the fact that four Funks married four Clendenens. Mr. Funk was married the third time on Nov. 5, 1865, to Mrs. Sarah Woods.

In 1870 John Funk sold his property in Pennsylvania and in the spring of 1871 moved to Missouri and located in Cass County, where he purchased land. His farm consisted of four hundred acres in cultivation, fenced mostly with hedge. He had a large residence in a beautiful location overlooking the surrounding country and his yard was ornamented with evergreen and forest trees, shrubs and flowers. There was a large orchard of apples, peaches, pears and plums and an abundance of small fruits. He also had a good bank barn. He was a Republican in politics and was twice elected assessor of his township. He was also elected collector for one year. John and

his wife were members of the United Brethren Church. Although he had little education, Mr. Funk built a school on his property. The pupils in this school were all related. The Funk school was destroyed by the tornado of 1893.

At one time nearly all the farms on the first road east of Raymore and north of Highway 58 were owned by Clendenens, Funks and Lightcaps. The only one occupied at present by one of the family is owned by Helen, granddaughter of John S. Funk, and her husband, Frank Barr. This farm was formerly owned by Florence and Alex Lightcap. The Lightcap children were Rhey, Lois, DeEtta, Grace, Mary and Samuel.

John Schrader and Nancy Realura Funk had six children: Robert Franklin, born Oct. 15, 1869, married Estelle May Remsburg Jan. 7, 1897; Martha Elizabeth, born March 16, 1871, married Daniel A. McGillwray May 29, 1890, after his death married Rev. George Clay Aug. 17, 1897; Nancy Clendenen, born Feb. 19, 1873, married James Albright Nov. 1, 1894; David Alexander, born Dec. 25, 1877, married Edith Estelle Hines April 16, 1901; John Walter, born March 1, 1882, married Maude Loraine Haworth Aug. 28, 1906; and Sarah Luella, born Dec. 29, 1885, married Amos Van Huber March 16, 1906.

John S. and "Lura" remained in Raymore, except for a few years in Kansas City, Missouri. Lura had been raised in the United Presbyterian Church, but she and John were charter members of the United Brethren Church of Raymore. John died Dec. 19, 1926. Lura died Feb. 26, 1936, the last of the family of nine children, and the last charter member of the United Brethren Church of Raymore.

JOHN K. GARTEN

John K. Garten was born in Grayson County, Virginia, February 27, 1858, the son of George Ballinger Garten and Levaniah Cornutt Garten.

He was married to Amanda Jane Lawson September 13, 1876. She was born July 17, 1857, in Tennessee, the daughter of Wallen and Nancy Smith Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Garten came from Kentucky to Missouri by covered wagon in 1876. They stopped at Lee's Summit for a short time and later moved on to Santa Fe, a little community north of Martin City, Missouri.

In the Santa Fe Community they became the parents of ten of their eleven children. Namely: Mayme (McKinney), Mary Jane (Shipley), Perry O., Nannie (Lamb), Leona (Hann), Boyd L., and Gladys (Coleman). They moved to Cass County, near Peculiar, and it was here the eleventh child, Samuel, was born in 1901. They continued to reside in the Peculiar area until his death near Coleman, Missouri, March 11, 1937. Mrs. Garten passed away May 31, 1947.

Mr. Garten was a farmer most of his life with the exception of a few years when he operated a hotel in Peculiar.

At one time, Mr. Garten was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for Recorder of Deeds for Cass County, campaigning via horse and buggy. He was defeated in this effort by "Bud" Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Garten are buried in the little cemetery back of Santa Fe Christian Church where many of their ancestors also rest.

DR. T. T. GARNETT

Dr. T. T. Garnett was one of Belton's first physicians. He began his practice here in 1872 when the town's population was less than fifty persons.

He was born Nov. 4, 1846 in Culpepper County, Virginia, a son of Thomas and Lucy Gordon Garnett. He studied medicine at the University of Missouri but was later graduated from the University of Virginia. He married Armede Scott in 1872. They had five children, two of whom died in infancy. The three daughters were Jessie Mary, who married E. K. George, Mattie who married Virgil Kerr and after his death, married C. V. Reynolds, and Fannie who married N. B. Shouse and lived in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. Garnett were charter members of the First Baptist Church here. He served as the town's mayor, a director and president of the Bank of Belton, and a member and president of the school board. He was a Mason.

Dr. Garnett gave up his practice of medicine early and became the druggist here. He owned the store that later became the Sams & Meador drug store.

He died July 24, 1927 at the age of 80.

Richard E. George of the E. K. George & Sons, Funeral Home, is a grandson of Dr. Garnett.

PERRY O. GARTEN

Perry O. Garten was born in Johnson County, Kansas just west of the Santa Fe Christian church in the year 1890. The family moved to Missouri when Perry was a small child. They settled in Peculiar, living there during the extremely dry year of 1901. In that year they had to dry feed the cattle and horses all year long because of the lack of grass. During that time the family lost seven head of horses.

In 1903, his parents moved to the farm west of Raymore known as the Frances Kyte farm now owned and occupied by Glen Argenbright. From there, the family moved back southwest of Coleman where they resided for five years. It was while there that he met and fell in love with Lillie Watson. Lillie, born in 1897, and her parents, Charles M. and Lucinda (Pleasants) Watson were living about one mile south of Coleman. Later her family moved to the farm one mile west of Bethany Christian Church.

In the year 1915, Perry O. Garten and Lillie Watson were married. They were the parents of two sons, Perry Lee Garten of Effingham, Kansas and David Francis Garten of Phoenix, Arizona. The Gartens have four grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

In 1942, the Perry O. Gartens purchased their present home on the northwest corner of Washington and Elm streets. They are both members of St. Paul's United Methodist church. For many years Lillie taught a Sunday School class. Perry was very active in Democrat politics, serving as Township Committeeman for a number of years. Perry also served on the Board of Aldermen for a number of years as well as taking his turn as mayor.

E. K. GEORGE

Edward Kibbey George, son of John and Sallie George, was born in Kansas City, October 16, 1872. He attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo. for one year and was graduated from the Belton school in 1891. He went west in 1894 and drove a stage coach line, owned by his uncle, between Phoenix and Flagstaff, Arizona. He returned to Belton and married Jessie Mary Garnett in 1895. In 1909 Mr. George and Mr. George Mosely became partners in The Mosely and George Hardware, Furniture and Undertaking establishment. It was located where the Steinbrueck furniture store is now. He attended the Kansas City, Kansas, Williams Institute of Embalming.

Mr. George was a member of the school board for 27 years, the first few years at High Blue school district, then in Belton. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. Mr. and Mrs. George were faithful members of the First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. George both died in the spring of 1938. They had three sons, Garnett, Allan Kibbey and Richard Edward. Garnett was stationed at the Navy base at Great Lakes in Chicago during the first World War. He died of the flu in the 1918 flu epidemic at the age of 22, at Great Lakes.

Allan married Marian Haire of Clinton, Mo. and taught school there until he went in business with his father in 1928. He then managed the funeral home in Grandview. They had two sons, Robert, of Denver, Colorado and Carter, of Boston, Mass. Allan died in 1955.

Richard went in business with his father and brother in 1931 immediately after his graduation from Belton High School. He married Elaine Lawrence, of Belton, in 1937. He has been active in civic affairs and is chairman of the board of the Bank of Belton. Richard and Elaine have three children. Richard L. George is with the Missouri Clean Water Commission in Jefferson City, Mo. Susan married Joe Lager of Maryville, Missouri and they have three children, Christopher, Jennifer and Sarah Beth and the live in Belton. Kibbey A. married Mary Patterson and they have a son, Robert Edward. Kibbey just recently graduated from mortuary school in Dallas, Texas and is associated with his father in the E. K. George and Sons Funeral Homes in Belton and Grandview.

FRANCIS MARION GEORGE

Francis M. George was born June 9, 1832 in Cooper County, Missouri, he was married September 4, 1855 to Martha Williams who was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, September 4, 1832. Their wedding occurred near Versailles, Missouri, and they lived in Morgan County until the loss of their home at the hand of an incendiary, and other losses due to the Civil War caused them to join a large party going to the Northwest. The party stopped in Nebraska City, Neb. and Mr. George with several other men started freighting to Denver, Colo. Their wagons were loaded mostly with flour and were drawn by oxen. Several trips were made before The Georges decided to return to Missouri, which they did in the fall of 1866, settling on the two hundred four acre farm in Everett township that had been bought sight-unseen.

Mr. George became a progressive stock raiser and farmer, he was called upon by fellow citizens to serve as judge of the county court from the Southern district from 1888 to 1892, with other martyr county judges he served nine months in prison in Kansas City, rather than order the tax levy for payment of fraudulent railroad bonds, after two trips to New York City, he was finally instrumental in securing a satisfactory adjustment of the bond question.

On Sunday September 5, 1915 Francis M. and Martha George celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a dinner at which all their children, grandchildren, one great-great grandson, many other relatives and friends were present.

Mrs. George passed away January 18, 1918. Mr. George lived until August 24, 1924 being over 92 years old, he was survived by his five children, Thomas Carrell a farmer in Everett township, Dora Ann married to Charles C. Cable of Drexel, Mo., Josiah William a farmer and stock raiser who lived in Drexel, Mo., William Francis a physician, practiced in Harrisonville, Mo. and later in San Benito, Texas, and John Edwin, farmer, stock buyer in Everett township later moved to Drexel, where he served as assistant postmaster, also five grandchildren, one being Francis Rosier George son of John E. and Elsie Rosier George. Rosier was born in the same house as his father, on the original acreage in Everett township which was bought sight-unseen in 1866, he married Velma Towers in Drexel, Mo., they now live in Port Isabel, Texas, they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

FRANK HARTLEY GEORGE

Frank Hartley George, son of Henry and Sarah Hartley George, was born 4 Aug. 1854, Taunton, Mass., died 27 Oct. 1918, Archie, Mo., buried Cresent Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Mo. His parents moved to Mercer Co., Ill. then to Lucas Co., Ia. He married Sarah Elizabeth Garland born 4 Apr. 1858, died 12 June 1896.

In 1883 Frank George and family and his wife's sisters and their families moved by covered wagon to Lamar, Chase Co., Neb. The four families lived close together, each homesteading a quarter section of land on which each built a sod house. Hard winters and hot dry summers brought discouragement so in the fall of 1895 they left that area, Frank George moving his family to Ark. where, the following spring, his wife and little daughter Leona died of malaria fever. A sister of Sarah George had married Lewis Garland and was living in Archie, Mo. They brought the bereaved family, Frank George, his son Harvey and daughter Laura, to live with them for a while. Frank George bought a blacksmith shop in which he worked

until his health failed. He was a musician and at one time directed the Archie band which played many times at various picnics and at the old bean ground.

Harvey George, son of Frank and Sarah (Garland) George, was born 25 Jan. 1881, Derby, Ia., died 4 Feb. 1932, St. Louis, Mo., buried Cresent Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Mo. He married 8 Dec. 1909 Carrie Longwell of Archie, Mo.

As a young man Harvey George helped his father in the blacksmith business. In 1907 he had a bad eye injury which caused him to lose the sight of his left eye. It was the custom to serve soda pop at picnics and at one of these events Harvey and his cousin Fred Garland were serving the pop when a bottle exploded in Harvey's face. He was taken to Kansas City where doctors were able to save the eye but not the sight. He went to Topeka, Kans., to work for the Santa Fe shops and became an inspector for the Santa Fe Railroad, traveling over the eastern states. In 1920 he resigned this job and became an inspector in the St. Louis Car Co. After his marriage they lived in Topeka for several years before Mr. George's work took him "on the road", and then the family traveled with him.

At the age of 21 Mr. George made his profession of faith and joined the Methodist Church. He was faithful to the Lord and saw to it that his children were raised in the church. At the time of his death he was a member of the Elmbank M.E. Church in St. Louis. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in St. Louis. As his health began to fail his condition could not be diagnosed for several years, until on a trip to Neb. in 1931 when a doctor told the family he had a heart condition, from which he died. The day after his death there was a funeral service at Kingshighway Memorial Chapel in St. Louis, then the body was brought by train to Archie, Mo. where a funeral service was held in the Archie Baptist Church.

Harvey and Carrie (Longwell) George had three children, Thelma Elizabeth, Dorothy May, and Eldridge Hartley George.

GENE GEORGE

Jesse and Rachel George came from Tenn. to Mo. soon after their marriage and settled in Howard Co. 1812, later entering land in Cooper Co. where their son William J. was born 1828. He married 1848 Ann Douglas born 1830, Howard Co. They lived in Cooper Co. where their son Thomas J. was born 1853. William J. George was in the Confederate Army, the farm home was burned by soldiers and the family fled to Neb. After the family were united they moved to Cass Co. near Gunn City, where Thomas J. George was an eye witness to the "Gun City Tragedy", and remembered "Old Drum" the famous dog.

Thomas J. George married 1881 Margaret Taliferro born Moniteau Co., Mo., her parents having come to Mo. from Ky. They had 6 children: (1) Jessie C. George born 1882, died 1962, married 1915 H. R. Sallee. (2) Beth George born 1885, married 1908 Thornton Bohon who died 1942, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Bohon lives in Harrisonville. (3) Ralph D. George born 1887, died 1972, married 1914 Ethlyne Hancock. (4) Wray George born 1890, married first 1911 Mattie Kennedy who died 1940, married second Hannah Wright who is now deceased. He lives in Harrisonville. (5) Ned R. George born 1892, married 1936 Agnes West. They live Winston, Montana. (6) Gene George.

Gene George was born June 21, 1899 on a farm S. of Gunn City. His mother died 1901 and his father died 1939. He attended grade school at Gunn City, high school for 2 years in Harrisonville, and graduated from Spalding Business College in Kansas City, Mo. He married 1921, Harrisonville, Katherine S. Heitz, daughter of Henry and Susan Luchsinger Heitz of East Lynne, Mo. After marriage they started housekeeping on a farm 4½ miles SE of Harrisonville, where their daughter Wanda Jean was born 1925. In 1940 they moved to a farm 1 mile N. of East Lynne, and in 1963 to Harrisonville where they now live, retaining their farm interests. Gene and Katherine George celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 1971, at the Methodist Church in Harrisonville. Katherine was a charter member of the Pleasant Valley Homemakers Club, Cass Co., 1929, and after moving to East Lynne 1940 was a member of the Willing Workers Extension Club and the Elco Garden Club. Since moving to Harrisonville she is a member of the Harrisonville Young Matrons Extension Club and the Progress Club. In 1971 she received her 50 year pin in the Order of Eastern Star. Their hobbies are going to the farm, visiting their children in Calif., making escorted tours, and playing cards with friends.

Wanda Jean George attended Pleasant Ridge Rural School ½ mile N. of where Pleasant Ridge Church now stands, then High School in Harrisonville 2 years, in Garden City a year, and graduated at Pleasant Hill. She went to the University of Missouri 2 years, after which she worked in Pleasant Hill and Kansas City, Mo. On June 22, 1946 she married Forrest S. McCue, son of Walter and Core McCue of East Lynne, Mo. Forrest and Wanda J. lived in Kansas City, Mo., where he worked for Westinghouse Electric Corp., until 1960 when they moved to Norwalk, Calif., where he works for Areo-jet General Corp. They have 4 sons, all born in Kansas City, Mo.: (1) Walter Gene McCue born Jan. 14, 1949, married 1968 Lesli E. Crawford. He was in the army 2 years, is now in college. (2) Larry Don McCue born Mch. 28, 1950, married 1972 Joyce I. Payne. He was in the army overseas 2 years, is now in college. (3) George Michael McCue born May 12, 1951, is part owner in a Pet Salon. (4) Steven Forrest McCue born June 22, 1955, now a senior in high school.

JOHN E. GEORGE

John E. George, the ninth of ten children of James W. George and Fanny Brooker George, was born in Shelbyville, Ky. Aug. 7, 1843. The family moved to Texas in 1860. He served in the Confederate Army in Col. Ireland's regiment under his brother, Capt. W. S. George.

From the end of the war between the states until the early 1880s millions of cattle were driven northward to the railroad towns for shipment to northern and eastern markets. For a short time after the war, Mr. George rode the Chisholm Trail, from Abilene, Texas to Abilene, Kansas.

Mr. George moved to Kansas City, where he married Sallie Gill, May 11, 1871. They had four children: E. K. George, founder of the E. K. George Funeral Home, J. F. George,

Julia (Mrs. W. S. Hocker) of Kansas City, and Mammie George who died at the age of 10.

Sallie George died Dec. 17, 1887. John moved to Slater, Mo. in 1889 and later moved back to the Belton area to a farm northwest of Belton on Holmes road. On May 23, 1891, John married Rose Willis and they had one daughter, Mayme, who married W. D. Harrison. The family moved to Belton in 1911 where John died in 1920 and Rose in 1936.

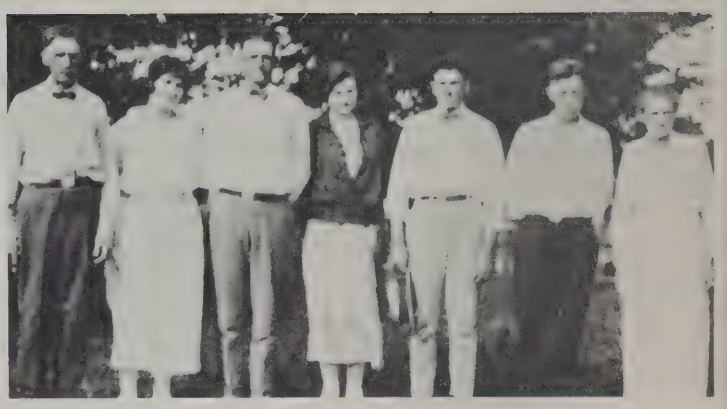
JOHN WILLIAM GEORGE

John William George (b. 8/30/59; d. 12/4/39) was born in Cottersville, Indiana. He traveled to Kansas in a covered wagon which he sold for rail fare to Jackson County, Missouri, where he began farming for Coff-Rice Farms. On January 15, 1885, he married Dora Ruth Estes (b. 11/11/68; d. 9/60), the daughter of Richard and Martha Ann Estes who farmed a portion of what is now Swope Park and their home is now known as the Bannister home on Bannister Road in Jackson County.

All of the children of this couple were born and reared in Jackson County before the Georges came to farm in Cass County on March 1, 1915. Two brothers of Dora George, Charles and George Estes and their sisters, Matt Estes and Mrs. Socia (Kate) Wirt, had come to Cass County farms in 1905.

John Wesley (b. 12/13/85; d. 12/10/71) married Nell Klaus (b. 9/16/86; d. 1957) in September, 1912, and she became the mother of John Wesley, Jr. (b. 5/17/14) and Robert Lee (b. 10/16). Dr. J. W. George opened his veterinary practice at P. K. Glenn's drugstore in 1909 and also operated a dairy farm on Highway #2 in Harrisonville before moving to Marshfield, Missouri where his sons operated his agricultural interests while he served in the United States Department of Agriculture and as State Veterinarian of Missouri. He was a Mason.

Charles Richard (b. 2/22/92; d. 12/4/60) married Martha Braun (b. 5/4/92; d. 1966) on February 27, 1911. To their union were born John Leonard (b. 4/2/18), Mrs. Bernard W. (Ruth Marie) Bien (b. 5/15/27) and Mrs. Donald L. (Betty Lou) Poskin (b. 2/21/32). Charles George came to Cass County in 1919 and purchased a farm on the northeast corner of the Lone Tree junction. He sold this farm to Dale Carnegie and purchased a home from T. A. Peterson on South Independence in Harrisonville. C. R. George served as Recorder of Deed from 1947 to 1955. He was a Deacon and Sunday School superintendent of the Harrisonville Baptist Church, and was a member of Kiwanis International. His daughter, Ruth Marie, married Bernard W. Bien (b. 9/24/24) on February 23, 1950. B. W. Bien is employed by the *Kansas City Star* and is City Councilman of Harrisonville and a member of the League of Cities. Ruth Marie is Registrar of the Harrisonville High School and member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Their family which includes Richard Nelson (b. 8/17/57) and Marianna (b. 8/3/61) are members of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church and Twin Pines Country Club.



Mr. and Mrs. John William George and family.

Myrtle Della (b. 8/1/90) married Carlton Edward O'Brion (b. 5/22/82; d. 8/22/35), a member of the Mayflower Society, on June 8, 1922, and had one daughter, Mrs. Philip (Jean) Gibbs (b. 1/21/24). The O'Brions established a gift shop in Portland, Maine which she operated until her retirement when she moved to South Carver, Massachusetts to be near her daughter and granddaughters.

Guy Leonard (b. 3/4/93; d. 1/13/35) served in the U.S. Navy in World War I. He was Harrisonville agent for the Standard Oil Company. He was a Mason and was Commander of the American Legion Post at his death. On February 24, 1924, he married Ruby Esther Williams (b. 6/10/04). They had two children, Mrs. Robert J. (Gwylyn Virginia) Clawson (b. 10/5/28) and Jack Riley (b. 1/4/32) who is an engineer with the aerospace program at Cape Kennedy. Gwylyn married Robert Clawson (b. 9/22/25) of Strasburg on June 29, 1951. They have two daughters, Mrs. Steven M. (Cara Lynne) Day (b. 4/24/52) and Cathleen Clawson (b. 7/16/55) and a grandson, Travis Martin Day (b. 3/13/71). Gwylyn is a Social Worker for Jackson County Juvenile Services. She is past president of the Strasburg, Pleasant Hill High School and Cass County P.T.A., a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, United Funds Board, and Missouri Juvenile Officers Association.

Quintilla Estes (b. 6/15/95) married Leone Edward Kirk (b. 8/27/88; d. 6/20/62) of Wichita, Kansas, January 15, 1914. They had one daughter, Doris Maxine (b. 2/10/18; d. 2/9/19) and two sons, Leone Edward, Jr. (b. 12/7/19) and William Henry (b. 11/21/21). Mr. Kirk was an engineer at the Vickers Petroleum Company refinery at Potwin Kansas. Mrs. Kirk now resides in Augusta, Kansas.

ROBERT GEORGE

Robert and Christina (Fryer) George farmed in Cooper County during the Civil War and moved to Cass County with their family in 1869. They settled on a farm at Gunn City. 5 daughters and 2 sons were born to them.

Robert Henry George was born February 18, 1859, near Booneville. With the family, he moved to Vernon County and Gainesville, Texas. He returned to Cass County in 1880 and on September 26, 1886 he married Julia Agnes Burnett. Their family was born in Kingsville. In February, 1898, they moved

The Robert George Family.

to Strasburg and in October, 1901, they moved to Pleasant Hill. There he began work in the scale foundry owned by McDonald Bros. and continued that line of work 30 years. Robert Henry died March 29, 1934. Services were held in the Christian Church, of which he was a member of the board. His family included Estella Belle and Robert Thomas.

Estella Belle George was born January 18, 1891 at Kingsville. On December 25, 1911, she married James S. Trabue at Pleasant Hill, where he worked as a moulder at the scale foundry. He served in World War I, going overseas, June 1, 1918. He was a sergeant at the time of his death. He was killed in action on November 11, 1918. He was returned and buried at Pleasant Hill. Estella was a Gold Star member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a 50-year member of Rebekahs. They had one son, James Robert Trabue, born August 10, 1913. Estella died at his home in River Falls, Wisconsin, October 2, 1971, interment in Pleasant Hill.

James Robert Trabue graduated from William Jewell College at Liberty. He worked as chemist for Mobil Oil Co., from which he has retired. On June 23, 1937, he married Veneta Keller of Kansas City. Born to them were JoAnn, on April 6, 1945, and James C., on August 27, 1951, both at Kansas City. JoAnn married Joel Schultz on July 8, 1967, and James C. married Debra Malmer on August 26, 1972, both in River Falls, Wisconsin.

Robert Thomas George was born October 28, 1897 at Strasburg. On July 30, 1927 he married Ruth Chandler. He was a pattern maker at McDonald Scale, which later became American Scale Co. He retired in 1960 when the company closed. He died March 31, 1969, interment in Pleasant Hill. Born to this union were 3 children.

Robert Lee, born May 15, 1928, served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948. He has been engaged in heavy excavating work most of the time since. He married Juanita Sheridan Craigg of Independence, Missouri on February 6, 1953. She had a son, Rodney Bruce, whom Robert adopted. Born to this union was Robert Alan on April 26, 1954. Both boys graduated from Pleasant Hill High School. Rodney spent 2 years as Army Chaplain Assistant and graduated from U.M.K.C. in 1976.

James Carl, born March 13, 1930, served in Army from 1951 to 1953, serving in Korea. He married Ethel Fitchner of Kansas City on June 13, 1954. He works for United Telephone Company in Lexington, Missouri. Born to this union were: James Edward on December 9, 1956, Daniel Carl on September 24, 1961 and Kimberly May on October 21, 1967. James Edward is in the U.S. Navy.

Roberta Estelle, born May 30, 1936, married Hugh Allen Patterson on March 4, 1956. Born to this union were Bruce Allen on April 30, 1962 and Julia Lynn on September 8, 1969.

GEVIK — KLASING

Mrs. George-Anne Klasing Gevik came to Richards-Gebaur AFB, in 1960, with her husband and baby Jonathan. Her husband, at that time, was Sgt. Charles Miller, a career man in the USAF, enlisted during WWII. Miller was the son of Bertha (Westbrook) and Ernest J. Miller originally from Ohio. They bought a home in Grandview.

In 1964, Miller was retired; moved to Harrisonville in 1968; became manager of Twin Pines Golf Course, supervising its construction and early development. The dilapidated farm home adjacent to the golf course was rebuilt and refurbished for the Miller family.

Miller died shortly thereafter; his widow, George-Anne moved to Belton, rented a small house at 516 Fourth St. It had been formerly located at No. Scott and North Ave., and was moved to the Fourth St. site in the 1960's. An inscription written on the stringers under the house reads, "Fred Middleton, Aug. 22, 1919 helped build this house for Roy Johnson."

Mrs. Miller married Jerome A. Gevik in 1971, a WWII Army veteran, a member of Belton VFW Post 8220 and the American Legion. They bought the house on Fourth St., enlarged it and did considerable restoration work on the premises. Jerry has a son, Robert who is 14, and he and Jonathan, 16 attend the Belton public schools. Jerry is employed by the City Street Department and George-Anne works in the Belton Star-Herald news office.

Jerome, George-Anne, Robert and Jonathan Gevik.

Mrs. Gevik boasts of her family heritage and its impressive record of public service.

On the paternal side, one great-grandfather, Charles M. Guehne, was a veteran of the Civil War Union Army; her grandfather, George H. Klasing, was a St. Louis brick mason. Her father, Lester John Klasing, a First Sergeant in the USMC, a veteran of both World Wars, a St. Louis Police veteran, and in later years became a retiree of the St. Louis Public School System. He died April 12, 1976. His only brother, Matthew Charles Klasing, was killed in action in WWI.

On the maternal side one grandfather, Jonathan W. Maddox, was a Cavalryman in the Union Army and later became a high school teacher and a Baptist minister. Two uncles served in WWI and one uncle served in WWII. Her mother, Sarah Edith Maddox Klasing, started her career as a southeast Missouri rural school teacher; later became a Registered Nurse in St. Louis retiring at age 70.

George-Anne has one brother, Lester Klasing, Jr., a former Marine, and one sister, Joyce Palazzolo who is married to a WWII veteran. Both girls were originally Service Representatives for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in St. Louis. Her mother, Sarah, is well and active, still living in the home in St. Louis where George-Anne was born and reared. She is nearing her 75th birthday and would have been married 50 years in July, 1976.

Jerome A. Gevik was born on the family farm in Lesterville, South Dakota. His father, Iver Gevik, was a WWI Army veteran born in Irene, South Dakota. His mother, Alma Einerson Gevik, was born in Lesterville. Jerry had a sister, Lorraine Gunnerson, and has a brother, Dewey C. Gevik, a WWII Navy veteran who lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The family was active in the Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Menno, South Dakota, and his father helped build the church from native rock. His mother was noted for her prowess as a seamstress and made not only all of her childrens clothes but sewed for neighbors as well. His maternal grandfather, Adolph Einerson, was a carpenter-cabinet maker and the paternal grandfather, John Gevik, was a farmer. Both grandparent families were immigrants from Trondheim and Oslo, Norway. It is believed the name was originally spelled Gevikson.

The Gevik family are members of First Baptist Church and are proud to be residential property owners and active participants in the civic life of the City of Belton.

JOSEPH GILMORE

Joseph Gilmore, his wife Mary, daughters Elizabeth and Belle and some 20 slaves migrated from near Lexington, Ky. to Cass County, Mo. in 1848. They located on 200 acres of land three miles east of where Belton was later founded. He built a home on a high knoll which became a stopping place for travelers going west.

In 1855 Elizabeth Gilmore married Simeon V. Dehoney, who had migrated from Kentucky to Raytown, Mo. in 1848. Joseph Gilmore built a home for them a quarter of a mile east of the family home and gave them a household slave as a wedding present. When the Civil War started, Gilmore took all his slaves except for household servants to New Orleans and leased them out. They were lost when the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. During the war the Gilmore home was burned either by Federal troops or Jayhawkers, but the Dehoney house was not touched. The Gilmore and Dehoney families, being Southern sympathizers, were forced to leave Cass County under Order No. 11, and spent the last year of the war in Clay County. Both families returned after the war and the Gilmore home was rebuilt.

After Joseph Gilmore died in 1876, Simeon and Elizabeth Dehoney left the home place and moved to Belton, building a home on the east end of Main Street. Simeon opened a grocery store in the building now occupied by the Dryden Drug Co. and operated it until 1900. Simeon and Elizabeth had eight children, one of whom was Sallie E. who married William J. Bradford.

GEORGE BARON GLASS

In the year 1749 George Glass (born 1740) came from Germany with his father, Martin, through the Philadelphia port, Penn.

A descendant, Geo. Baron Glass was born in Ill. Dec. 13, 1852 and died in Cass Co., Mo. Jan. 2, 1927. His wife, Annabell Dowler, was born in Scott Co., Iowa Nov. 18, 1861 and died Feb. 25, 1941. They are both buried in Orient Cemetery.

Their children were: 1 — Harry Edward Jacob (1878-1974) died in Calif.; 2 — Albert Earl (1881-1959) buried in Orient Cemetery; 3 — Oscar Allen (Feb. 22, 1883 — Nov. 17, 1952) buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Pensacola, Fla.; 4 — Anna "Jennie" (Aug. 29, 1885 — died about 1958 in Calif.) married Jesper Quist; 5 — Pearl E. (Aug. 29, 1885 — died about 1958 in Kans.) married Elmer Peterson; 6 — Leslie M. was born 1906 in Missouri. He lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. and is unmarried. There are 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. They live from Florida to Calif., even New Jersey.

GLENN FAMILY

The recorder of this history is the grandson of Allen Glenn, author of the History of Cass County, dated 1917. Having studied the history for many years and knowing many of the younger members of the families recorded, it gives me much pleasure to be able to bring this family record up to date.

Hugh Gibson Glenn, cashier of the Citizens National Bank, married May Allen and they resided in Harrisonville all of their lives. Gip, as he was usually known, enjoyed working with youth groups, Boy Scouts and The Harrisonville Baptist Church.

Price Keller Glenn married Bessie Martina Cable and had one son, George Allen Glenn. Bessie Glenn was struck down in the flu epidemic of 1918 and the son was reared by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cable. George Allen is a registered Pharmacist and has operated P. K. Glenn and Co. since P. K.'s death in 1950. He married Gladys Irene Hoenshell and they have one daughter, Patricia Marie, and a granddaughter, Katherine Martina Glenn. One son, George Allen, Jr., who is a student in the Harrisonville High School. George Allen, senior, served five years in the United States Army in World War II and was discharged with a commendation Citation for military hospital Pharmacy Management. He has devoted much time to up-grade fire protection in Cass County.

Allen Bristol Glenn, lawyer, married Mary Merle Adair of Archie, Missouri and after her husband's death, she has continued to live in the Glenn home on West Mechanic Street in Harrisonville. She is a pharmacist and was employed by the Harrisonville Memorial Hospital as office manager for many

years.

Robert Charles Glenn married Edith Kerr of Urich, Missouri and had four children. Robert Charles an Engineer with the government, who lives with his mother in Grandview, Missouri.

James Kerr, a lawyer and lives in Denver, Colorado, with his wife and children.

John A., who retired from the Air Force after many years, is married and lives in Florida with his wife and son.

Betty Rachel married R. A. Livers and lives in Grandview, Mo., with her family.

There are several grandchildren in the Robert Glenn family that the author does not have the name records.

Winefred Glenn married Sam Irvin of Marshall, Missouri and had one daughter, Mary Ann. She married Virgil Yates and they live in Saline County, Missouri, near Marshall.

Ewing Sugget Glenn, a pharmacist by profession, passed away many years ago. He was employed by the P. K. Glenn drug store after returning from Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Gore and three sons.

THOMAS HENRY GORE

Thomas Henry Gore, son of Amos and Henrietta Gore from Loudoun Co., Va., where the Gore family had lived since at least 1752, to Bellefontaine, Ohio 1849, was born June 3, 1850, Bellefontaine. He married Anna Mary Jamison, daughter of Samuel J. and Eleanor Jamison, and they moved to and settled on a 160 acre farm 1½ miles N. of Raymore, Mo. in the spring of 1882. They became self-sufficient farmers, with fruit from their orchard, vegetables from their garden, meat from their hogs and cattle, growing their own hops for starter yeast and grinding their own grain for breakfast food. Responsible members of the Raymore community he was an original director of the Bank of Raymore and a deacon of the Raymore Presbyterian Church, in which his wife also was active. He died Oct. 22, 1909, his widow living on the farm until her death Sept. 26, 1935. They had 5 children: Clyde Jamison born 1883; Homer Amos born 1886, died infant; Ida Lulu born 1887, died infant; Harold William born 1888; Wilber Ross born 1895. The three sons to live attended school at Centerview, a rural school ¼ mile from the home, and at Raymore, and graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College (now Kansas State University). Before their father died he had planned to enlarge the home so in 1911 the three sons did, quarrying stone on the farm and helping construct the two-story house. In 1913 Harold W. Gore moved to Utah where he farmed and was an agricultural inspector of the state of Utah. He died Nov. 13, 1974, Richfield, Utah. Wilber R. Gore farmed in the Kansas City area for many years. He died Apr. 23, 1969, California, Mo.

Clyde J. Gore remained on the family land, farming and raising livestock. He married Sept. 4, 1912 Mabel Frances Caldwell who was teaching at the Centerview school and boarding at the Gore home, daughter of John Wesley Caldwell, a Civil War veteran, and Alice Elizabeth Hoover, the Caldwell family, of Jackson Co., Mo., being from Ohio to Mo. after the Civil War. Clyde J. Gore was a deacon of the Raymore Presbyterian Church and for many years the treasurer of the Raymore School Board. His wife was also active in community affairs and the Church. He died Jan. 19, 1962 and his wife died Nov. 1, 1962. One year after his death, in Jan. 1963, the family home burned. A new one was built on the site. Clyde J. and Mabel Gore had 3 children, Francis Clyde, Mary Elizabeth, and Idabel Mabel, who all graduated from Raymore High School.

Francis C. Gore served with the Army Air Force Communication Service in the Pacific during World War II. He has been employed with Fleetwood Chevrolet Co. of Belton, Mo. since 1946, and has also continued to farm the family homestead. He married Aug. 19, 1944 Frances Gertrude McNerney, daughter of Francis John and Wilda Eloise McNerney of Kansas City, Kans. They have daughters Patricia Lynn and Kathleen Sue. They have lived in Belton since 1951, where Patricia and Kathleen graduated from high school. Patricia has her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Central Missouri State University and teaches at Lee's Summit, Mo. Kathleen is presently attending Purdue University in Indiana.

Elizabeth Gore married first July 9, 1939 Chester Irwin Harrison, son of Glenn Eugene and Myrtie Lee Harrison of Belton, who died Nov. 28, 1961; married second Lee L. Chrestensen, owner of the Raymore Hardware Store. They live in Raymore. She has son Paul Lee Harrison who graduated with a B.S. degree from Baker University, married Sept. 30, 1967 Virginia Clare Sheeds and has one son Douglas Scott Harrison.

Idabel Gore married Dec. 22, 1951 James Dorvin Myers, son of Ebber and Margaret Myers, who died Dec. 25, 1971. They had one son, James Dennis Myers who married May 30, 1975 Cathy Joann Stark. He is presently attending the University of Missouri — Kansas City. Idabel (Gore) Myers is a legal secretary and lives in Independence, Mo.

CLAUD H. GRANTHAM

Claud H. Grantham was born Sept. 7, 1882, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina. His ancestors came from England. He married Lillian Pearl Kennedy, born June 8, 1885, daughter of Alexander T. and Joe Ann (Olinger) Kennedy, in

Pearl Kennedy Grantham.

Pleasant Hill, Missouri on Dec. 2, 1905. A few years were spent in Lawrence, Kansas and Greenwood, Missouri. Then they returned to Pleasant Hill where they operated a bakery until Mr. Grantham's death on Sept. 8, 1918.

Two sons were born to this union: Claud Glenn Grantham, born Sept. 5, 1914 in Greenwood, Missouri, married Helen Lois Knorpp July 19, 1936. They have one adopted son, William Patrick Grantham, born July 25, 1954.

Carl Edward Grantham, second son of Claud and Pearl Grantham, lives at Ramona, California. He married Gertrude Kathriner, of San Diego, California, on Dec. 19, 1942 and they are the parents of three children: James Glenn Grantham, born Dec. 1, 1943, married Marie Catherine Solkema Nov. 29, 1963; John Edward Grantham, born July 31, 1947, married Peggy Moore, San Diego, Ca. Nov. 23, 1973 and had Jonathan Lynn born Aug. 29, 1974 and Susan Katherine, born Apr. 10, 1976; and Patricia Ann Grantham, born Sept. 2, 1960.

Mrs. Grantham became a licensed practical nurse, after the death of her husband, and assisted Dr. C. L. Conrad with more than 300 births. She was also a telephone operator. Mrs. Grantham died Oct. 21, 1972.

THE GRAY FAMILY

L. F. Gray, M.D., the first Doctor in Raymore, was the son of Ogden Gray and Mary Ann (Lapin) Gray, the father being a native of New York and the mother of Pennsylvanian birth. L. F. Gray spent his youth on his father's farm, attending the public school during the winter months.

In his twentieth year, he was a student at Sharon College in Noble County, Ohio. After leaving there, he was engaged in teaching school. In 1854, he went to Illinois where he taught one term. He commenced the study of medicine at Fulton County, Cuba, Illinois, in the spring of 1857. After finishing his studies at college, the doctor began the practice of his profession at Cuba, Ill., where he remained some two years. In 1860, he moved to Limerick, Ill. In 1869, he came, with his family, to Missouri and located in Raymore township, locating in Raymore in the fall of 1871, and erected one of the first business houses in the town, residing in this building until moving into his residence in the north part of town.

He was married in Lafayette, Stark County, Illinois, December 25, 1857, to Miss Lydia Morey, a daughter of Rev. Amos Morey, and a native of Ohio. To them were born two sons, Horace and Milton A. Horace Gray, once a prominent citizen of this city, was born in Ill. in 1862. In early life, he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, and probably until the time of his death in 1936, he had done more work of this kind than any man in Raymore. Mr. Gray was interested in various other enterprises in addition to his trade. He was a successful breeder of standard bred trotting horses and was the owner of "Highest Ideal," No. 42329, which was one of the valuable horses of Western Missouri in that day. Mr. Gray also operated a well equipped slaughter house. He was also extensively engaged in fruit growing.

Mr. Gray was united in marriage in 1885 to Miss Addie Fairley, a daughter of O. P. Fairley and Herpalice (Horridge) Fairley, the former native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of England. The Fairley family came to Raymore in 1870. Here, the father was engaged in farming until his death in 1900.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gray were born eight children, three died in infancy. Those growing to adulthood were Lela Freeland (deceased), Lafayette (deceased), Eleanor Jeter (deceased), Herpalice Taylor of Independence, Kansas, and Bessie Gray of Harrisonville, Mo.

ALEXANDER BLAIR GRIFFITH

Alexander Blair Griffith, son of Robert and Sarah Blair Griffith, was born Sept. 8, 1819 in Alleghany Co., Virginia and died in Clinton, Henry Co., Missouri, Oct. 22, 1902. Interred at Drake's Chapel, Henry Co., Mo. At the age of twenty (1839) he arrived in Cass County. In 1848 he and Joe Kimberlin, his brother-in-law, (m. Hannah Griffith) took up homesteads where the town of Dayton, Cass Co. now stands. The two young men were responsible for founding the community which included an academy and their mercantile business. History records that Alexander would drive a team of oxen, with a load of bacon, to Lexington, Missouri, the nearest trading point, where he sold the bacon for one dollar per hundred pounds. He would return to Dayton with merchandise for the store.

Mrs. Elsie Walker Windsor of Creighton, Mo. recalls this story told to her by her grandfather. Prior to the Civil War, her great-grandfather Walker, who resided on a farm near the present community of Creighton, heard that the Kimberlin-Griffith store owners had returned from Lexington with an iron cookstove. The price was very high, but they determined to buy it. They put the whole family in a wagon and drove their oxen; to Dayton to make the purchase. Mr. Walker went into the store and immediately returned to the wagon telling his wife that Mr. Griffith and Mr. Kimberlin were dangerous rebels. They returned to the farm, buried the silver and moved to Sedalia, Mo. until after the war.

Wadesburg and Grant were the only existing towns in south-west Cass Co. at this time, both disappearing with the coming of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield railroad in 1885. The town of Garden City and Creighton were built along the railroad line. (1)

Although a prosperous merchant and land owner, Alexander was consumed with "gold fever" and joined a party from Henry Co. to make the trip to California during the Gold Rush of 1849. He was quite successful in this venture and very

fortunate to be the only member of the party to return home, three years later, alive. With his "gold findings" he purchased 1000 acres of land at Lewis Station, Henry Co., Mo.

Upon his return home he married a sister of two of the young men who had accompanied him on the trip to California, Margaret Drake (Howard Co., Mo. June 2, 1831 — Randlett, Okla., Oct. 3, 1909) of Lewis Station, Henry County, Missouri, the daughter of David Rose and Mrs. Catherine (Burkhart) Hough Drake. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's father, Judge David Rose Drake at Drake's Chapel, Henry Co., Mo. on Dec. 5, 1852. Margaret was the grand-daughter of Christopher Frederick Burkhart (1756-1828) who served as a 1st Lt. in the militia of 1776 of Frederick Co., Maryland as an interpreter for Washington's army and served with him in the Battle of Trenton. She was the niece of George Frederich Burkhart (1782-1864) who was the designer of the seal of the State of Missouri and a member of the Missouri General Assembly of 1822-28. He also served with the Kentucky Militia and took part in the Battle of Tippecanoe in the War of 1812. (2)

Alexander and Margaret Griffith resided in Dayton, Cass Co., Missouri and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he joined the "boys in gray" serving as a quartermaster under General Rains. During the Order No. 11, Quantrill's Raiders burned the store and the home. Having been reared in luxury and unused to hardships, Margaret Drake Griffith saw everything torn from her grasp. (3) On April 11, 1865, a pass was issued to Mrs. Margaret Griffith and four children and Mrs. Hanna Thornton and five children to "pass thru the lines of the Union Forces and not to return to same during the war on penalty of being treated as spies." (Signed Baker Co. Provost Marshall Gen.) (4) Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Thornton joined their husbands in the swamps of Arkansas. There they suffered malaria and fever, nothing but snakes and crocodiles. They were returning home to Missouri on a gun-boat on the Mississippi River the night President Lincoln was assassinated. (5)

In 1854 Margaret Drake Griffith inherited land adjoining her husband's at Lewis Station, Henry County, and in 1868 they erected one of the first permanent homes in the area (still standing). The pine trees lining the driveway were brought there when Alexander returned from a cattle drive to Texas. He had traveled to every state in the Union and served in the Mexican War. He was postmaster of Creighton during President Cleveland's administration. A member of the Tebo Lodge of Clinton, which was to become the Masonic Lodge. (6)

The Alexander Griffiths were parents of six children, five of whom were living at the time of his death. Margaret (Griffith) Berry, Dr. David Robert Griffith, (Creighton), Dr. Charles Edgar Griffith (Windsor) and Dr. Joseph Kimberlin Griffith (Randlett, Okla.), and Sallie Kate (Griffith) Davidson. Jemima Hobbs (Griffith) Bates predeceased him.

DR. DAVID ROBERT GRIFFITH

David Robert Griffith, first child of Alexander Blair and Margaret Drake Griffith, was born March 7, 1854 at Young Chapel, Jackson Co., Missouri and died March 22, 1933 in Creighton, Mo. and interred at Grant Cemetery, Creighton, Mo. He came to Dayton, Mo. in 1869 with his parents, his father having gone there in 1839. He resided in Dayton until the Order No. 11, when he went with his mother to Chico County, Arkansas to be with his father who was stationed there with the Southern forces, returning to Henry County at the close of the Civil War, where he grew to manhood.

David "read" medicine with Dr. Thornton, Rose Hill, Johnson County and in 1882 graduated from the Kansas City Medical College (later consolidated with the Kansas University). Except for practicing seven years in Clinton, Mo., one year in Manila, Ark. and a nine year residence in Bates City, Mo., he was a resident of Creighton, Cass County since 1883. (7)

Dr. and Mrs. David Robert Griffith and family.

On May 23, 1883, David Robert Griffith and Virginia Eureka Bates (Oct. 24, 1863-June 27, 1938) were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father in Bates City, Missouri. They became the parents of seven children. Edgar McDonnell Griffith (m. Georgia Cowan), Bates Alexander (m. Josephine Miles — no issue), Paul David (m. Frances Tandy — no issue), Joseph Marvin (m. Mabel Lumery), Ruth Elizabeth (m. Fred Lumery), George Washington (m. Virginia . . .) and Leslie Ellis (m. Mary Bender — no issue).

"Ricky" Bates Griffith was the daughter of Theodore and Nancy (Ellis) Bates. Theodore being the founder of Bates City, Lafayette Co., Mo. A German immigrant with a laudable ambition, strong constitution and business acumen, he soon prospered in the New World, arriving in this country on July 9, 1836, his twenty-second birthday. Although Mr. Bates deprecated secession as a means of redress, his sympathies were with the Southern people. (In later years "Ricky" told the story that Jesse James and his group were welcomed in their home until this group became infamous renegades. Ricky had both ridden Jesse's horse and practiced target shooting with his gun.) At the time of Theodore's death he owned eleven hundred acres of land, all under a fine state of cultivation, including a commodious dwelling and the finest stock barns in the country. In addition to the land he has given and has in reserve, a farm of 240 acres to each of his seven children. (8) "Ricky" attended a seminary for young ladies in California, Missouri prior to her marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. David Griffith were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) in Bates City, Missouri. A half century of service as a country doctor is within itself a just tribute to this man of the old school. No paved roads or automobiles, but country lanes sometimes packed with mud and

snow and either on horseback or in a buggy, were his mode and method of travel. Through rain and sleet and wintry winds he hurried his medicine and what was often better, a geniality of spirit that was as effective as his medicine was curative. It was not the lure of gold but more the love of people, regardless of creed or name that kept him true to the unswerving principle of his high duty. (7)

"Doc Dave" (David Robert) died at his residence at Creighton, Mo. under the care of two of his sons, Dr. Edgar M. Griffith and Dr. George W. Griffith.

DR. EDGAR McDONNELL GRIFFITH

Edgar McDonnell Griffith was the eldest child of David Robert and Virgina E. (Bates) Griffith. He was born Aug. 12, 1884 in Creighton, Missouri. Two years later, the family moved to Clinton, Missouri, returning to Creighton in 1896. Edgar graduated from Clinton, Mo. High School in 1903, Warrensburg Normal School in 1907 and the Kansas City Medical College in 1911. Two days before he was graduated, May 9, 1911, he was married to Georgia Beatrice Cowan of Manila, Ark., whom he had met and become engaged to while spending summers and studying medicine with his uncle, Dr. Joseph K. Griffith of that community. The young couple returned to Missouri by train to attend the groom's graduation exercises.

"Doc Dave" and "Doc Ed" practiced medicine in Creighton, Missouri. Later "Doc George" was also to become a practicing Cass County Physician in Garden City, Mo.

Georgia B. (Cowan) Griffith (Apr. 21, 1889 Blandville, West Va. — March 1, 1937 Harrisonville, Mo.) was the second of three daughters, Bessie, Georgia and Berta and one son, Harry W. born to Benjamin W. and Annie M. (Falconer) Cowan. Charles, being a son of B. W. Cowan from a former marriage. The parents were married on Sept. 1, 1881 and they resided in Blandeville, West Va. until coming to Arkansas when that state was opened to homesteading in 1902. Georgia attended a seminary for young women in Conway, Ark. and was an elementary teacher before her marriage. "Miss Georgia" as well as "Ricky" became quickly acclimated to the life of a country doctor's wife. Both became capable practical nurses and each was proud to admit that they had delivered a baby for a patient, in the absence of the doctor. She was very interested in education, being instrumental in raising the money to make the Creighton High School a four year, accredited school. She served as the only woman school board member of that community from 1923 until twelve years later, she asked to resign because of ill health. She was responsible for the hiring and interviewing of the prospective teachers. (10)

The young "Doc Eds" became the parents of two daughters, Dixie Fay (Oct. 17, 1912-Nov. 6, 1960) and Barbara Ann, (Nov. 7, 1917), Barbara being born at the home of her maternal grandparents in Manila, Ark. two weeks before Edgar left for "overseas duty" in World War I, serving as a Captain in

Dixie and Barbara, daughters of Doc Ed and Georgia.

the Medical Corps. He was discharged March 13, 1917. The family again moved back to Creighton where they resided until 1935, at that time moving to Harrisonville, Missouri. Edgar became Cass County physician in 1934 and in 1937 was director of the Cass County Health Unit when it came into existence. (In Jan. and Feb. of 1937 records show that he made 1180 visits in Cass Co. where people were unable financially to employ a doctor.) (9)

On March 1st, 1937, Georgia B. Griffith passed away following a terminal illness. In 1938 Edgar and Mrs. Ethel (Lord) Warner of Harrisonville were married. (11)

Dr. Edgar Griffith served as coroner of Cass Co. from Nov. 1936-1940. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Creighton, Mo., American Legion, 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner and the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club. "Dr. Ed Griffith possessed many splendid traits of his father and upon many occasions acted as both doctor and nurse when the need arose, and many times seeing the need of food in homes would provide that necessity. The Griffith family was a large and happy one and he enjoyed life to the last with loved ones and friends. He particularly loved his fishing jaunts and was a desired member of any party. During World War I, his hearing became impaired which bothered him greatly, but at home he found it convenient when, with a chuckle, he would turn off his hearing aid and thoroughly enjoy himself." (9)

Doc Ed died in his sleep, following a serious heart attack, at his home in Harrisonville Feb. 21, 1948. The State Patrol and Harrisonville residents remarked that there was the largest attendance that had ever been known in Cass Co. at the services which were held at the Methodist Church, since it was the largest building at that time. Services conducted by the Rev. Howard Lane Foland, priest in charge of the Episcopal Church of Nevada. His grandson, Leslie M. Crouch III, served as crucifer. He was buried in the East Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

DR. GEORGE W. GRIFFITH

George Washington Griffith, son of David Robert and Virginia E. (Ricky Bates) was born in Clinton, Henry Co., Mo. He attended the University of Missouri and received his

degree from Northwestern Medical School. He practiced medicine for sixteen years in Garden City, Cass Co. Soon after establishing his practice he was united in marriage with Miss Virginia Ballenger, a graduate nurse from St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City. They became the parents of one son, David Robert Griffith (now a faculty member of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa).

"Dr. George" became a much loved "doctor-friend" to many residents of Cass Co. His ready laughter and genial manner, his competence and knowledge in his chosen profession gave strength and comfort to his patients.

In World War II he served as a Major in the Army Medical Corps, most of his service being in the South Pacific. Following his discharge from Army service (1945) he established his practice of medicine in Kansas City where he resided until his death Dec. 15, 1955. He was a member of the staff of St. Joseph and Queen of the World Hospitals. He was a member of the Jackson Co. Medical Association and Phi Beta medical fraternity.

ROBERT BRONAUGH GRIMES

Although Robert Bronaugh Grimes is a relative newcomer to Cass County, having spent the last 14 years as a permanent resident (also 2 years when he was quite young) he has roots in Cass County.

At the close of the Civil War his great grandfather, Thomas Jones, at age 80, moved his family from Bath County, Kentucky to a farm south of Pleasant Hill, not far from the Bronaugh farm. Thomas Jones married Mary Moore Byram in 1836 in Bath County, Kentucky. They had a large family:

Nancy Amelia Jones, born 1837, died 1867, married Richard Sharp, of Sharpsburg, Kentucky; Benjamin, died in infancy; Sourency, died young; Alvin Fletcher Jones, married Susan Neil; Belle, died young; John Gardner Jones, married Belle Hedrick; Henretta Alice, married Benjamin F. West; Pauline, married Thomas Atkinson; Adelia, married Samuel Hardin Bronaugh; Thomas Jones, born Nov. 9, 1796, died June 27, 1883.

Nancy Amelia Jones Sharp and Richard Sharp had two daughters. Margaret, the first child, was born 1861 and died 1938. Richard Sharp died in 1865 shortly before their second daughter was born. Nancy, grieving, named the infant Richard Virginia for her father and she was called "Dickie". Within the year Nancy Amelia died leaving four year old Margaret and baby "Dickie".

The grandparents, Thomas Jones and wife, Mary brought the two orphaned granddaughters to Missouri and they grew up in Cass County, returning to Kentucky to finish their education. Margaret Sharp married Robert B. Bronaugh in 1886 in Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

After teaching school in Kentucky a few years, "Dickie" Sharp married Dr. J. Fletcher Grimes, of Maysville, Kentucky in 1889 in Sharpsburg. Their sons: William Barker Grimes, born 1891, died 1931 and Robert Bronaugh Grimes, born in 1893. Dr. J. Fletcher Grimes was born May 2, 1866 and died July 9, 1906. "Dickie" Sharp Grimes was born Dec. 28, 1865 and died Dec. 14, 1926 in Arizona.

Robert Bronaugh Grimes married Mildred Spence in 1927 in Arizona and had two sons: John Robert Grimes, born in 1928 and Dan Spence Grimes, born in 1930. Mildred Spence Grimes died in 1955 and in 1961, Robert B. Grimes married Margaret Bronaugh Ferrer and they returned to Cass County in 1962 and live in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

JOHN WESTLEY GROSS

The parents of John Westley Gross were John and Maria Ann (?) Gross, of Penn. His two sisters were: Sue, who married Chas Hamleton, no child; Leah married Jacob Bender, children: Wilbur, Flossie, Edith, Charles. His brothers were: Charles Henry (born 1845), married Catherine Grover, children: James, Jacob, Albert, Andrew, Lulu, Pearl, Ed; Adam Christian married Edna Stafett, children: Irvin, Elma, Cora, Frank, Erma. (Adam born Feb. 19, 1850, York County, Harrisburg, Pa.)

The family moved from Pa. to the Three Rivers area of Michigan, then the brothers bought land, sight unseen, near Garden City in the 1880s and moved to Cass County. Leah and Jacob Bender had one of the first hardware stores in Garden City after the railroad was built. They later moved to Oregon. Charles and Adam owned the land now known as Gross Addition to Garden City. Adam built one of the early hotels near the new railroad. It is now a home. The parents remained in Michigan.

Both John and John Westley were teachers as well as farmers. John Westley also sold blacksmith tools for farmers and traveled by buggy over the county during the spring and summer and taught winter terms. He moved his family to Holden, Missouri, Paola, Kansas and Muskogee, Oklahoma. His wife was Ida May Holtom, daughter of Richard and Isabell Stears Holtom, of Three Rivers. The Holtoms and Stears came to the U.S. from England in the 1830's. John was born May 9, 1857 and died Dec. 6, 1935. Ida was born Apr. 2, 1858 and died July 31, 1920. Both are buried in the Muskogee Cemetery. Their children were: Mabel, who married Alvin Siegenthaler, buried Muskogee, Oklahoma; Bertha Maude married Urvin A. Kenagy, buried Clearfork, Cass Co.; Richard married Pearl (?), buried in Colorado; Blanche married Kim Hill, lives in Glendale, Calif.; Lola married Dan Harley, lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Children of Mabel: Richard, Earl, Ida, Oma, Harold, Frank and Grace. Children of Maude: Guineva, Charles, Mae, Gladys, Edna, Orlie, Harley and Arthur. Blanche has a son, Kim Hill, Jr., Lola a daughter, Margaret.

CHARLES THOMAS GROSSHART, JR.

Charles Thomas Grosshart, Jr., was born March 13, 1879 and died October 6, 1962. His parents were Charles Thomas Grosshart, Sr. (1845-1934) and Sarah E. (Cottingham) Grosshart (1851-1885).

Charles T. Grosshart, Jr. married Era G. Huston, March 8, 1903. Her parents were William Jasper Huston (1858-1926) and Gertrude (Lotspeich) Huston (1859-1908).

Charles and Era Grosshart lived on farms in Cass County until 1926. They owned a General Store in Strasburg, Mo. In 1927 they purchased a General Merchandise store in Creighton, Mo. They retired and moved to Harrisonville, Mo. in 1944. They were the parents of two daughters.

Reva Clarissa was born June 5, 1904 near Garden City, Mo. She attended school at Highland and Dover schools, Garden City High School and took Teacher's training at Central Missouri State Teacher's College, Warrensburg, Mo. She taught two years at Forest Grove and one year at Marshall, rural schools in Cass County.

Reva Grosshart and Jesse W. Schindler were married November 22, 1925. Jesse was born November 22, 1901 near Wheatland, Mo. He was the son of Daniel Schindler (1877-1967) and Lena (Hostetler) Schindler (1878-1964). Jesse and Reva lived on farms near Garden City, Mo. until 1943. They moved to Harrisonville, Mo. and worked for the Standard Oil Co., as Bulk Agent. Jesse was killed in an automobile accident in July 1962.

They had one son, Clint G. Schindler born November 6, 1926. He married Darlene R. Smith, October 8, 1950. They have two sons, Steven Clint Schindler and Rickie Wayne Schindler.

Mina Elizabeth Grosshart was born July 23, 1908. She attended rural school at Dover and Index in Cass County, Garden City High School and Central Missouri State Teacher's College, Warrensburg, Mo. She taught one year at Bunker Hill and one year at Old Urich rural schools in Henry County.

Mina Grosshart and Clifford R. Bennett were married May 18, 1930. He was born February 27, 1902 near Rich Hill, Mo. He was the son of Robert R. Bennett (1862-1935) and Clara (Rhoades) Bennett (1872-1956).

Mina and Clifford lived in different states as he was a teacher, until 1942, when he began working for the Government. Since that time they have lived in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Merle Groves.

Eunice Laurene Brown became the bride of Charles Merle Groves, of Drexel, on December 25, 1935. They were married in the Senate Chamber at Jefferson City. Dr. J. A. Burkhead, whose wife was from Freeman, performed the ceremony. They resided on the Groves farm in Bates Co. one year, then purchased the Levi Miller farm near Garden City. They resided there for twenty years. When Mr. Grove's health failed, the farm was sold. They lived in Peculiar before purchasing a home in Belton in 1958.

Mrs. Eunice L. Groves, resident of Belton and widow of Charles Merle Groves (1897-1970), was born May 24, 1911 on the Sunny Slope Ranch located south of Freeman, which was owned by Wiles Lacy and wife of Kansas City. Mrs. Groves resides in Lacy Estates, which was a part of Mr. Lacy's brother's farm. Eunice's parents were Laura (Tribby) and Benjamin M. Brown. She attended the Wolfe rural school, Freeman High School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1929. She chose as a profession to become an elementary school teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Elementary Education from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg. She has a Life Certificate from the State Department in Administration. Mrs. Groves taught twenty-nine years in Bates, Cass and Jackson Counties and retired in May, 1975.

Mr. Groves was active in the Belton Christian Church, Index Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star and was a charter member of Messiah White Shrine.

Mrs. Groves is a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women, Missouri State Teacher Assoc., Kappa Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, Belton Christian Church, life member of National Educational Assoc. and charter member of Messiah White Shrine. She does china painting, ceramics, and hand work. She has traveled over much of the world, having made three trips to the Holy Land.

C. MERLE GROVES

Charles Merle Groves was the youngest son of Mary Nevada (Hilyard) (1859-1947) and Nathan Groves (1856-1918) of Drexel. He had a sister, Gladys V. (1891-1960) and a brother, Otis H. (1887-1965). Merle's grandparents, Jacob and Sarah Groves moved to Bates County in 1868 when Nathan was twelve. They never left the county. Merle attended Woodland rural school, Drexel High School, graduating from Paola, Kansas High School. He excelled in basketball.

BETSY (RAWLINGS) HART GUNTERMAN

Jacob Van Meter (born 1703, died November 16, 1798) was the father of Rebecca, who married (?) Rawlings. The daughter Betsy married Miles Hart. One winter morning two bands of Indians came to the Hart home, killed Mr. Hart and kidnapped the 16 year old son. Mrs. Hart started running with a small child under one arm. She dropped it as she was climbing

over a rail fence and did not take time to pick it up again. When the Indians came upon the child, they split its head open with a tomahawk and captured Mrs. Hart. She became their slave. She had to clear away snow and build fires for them and then off to one side, build one for herself. It is said she tore white pieces of cloth from her clothing to scatter along the trail in hopes some white people would rescue her. She broke ice in a stream one time to drown herself but changed her mind. Mrs. Hart said she would have frozen except for a big dog, which slept at her back. A baby boy was born to her, sired by one of the Indians. The Indian women gave her some bark to put around the baby and the men cut a slab from a tree and strapped the baby to it, then strapped it to Mrs. Hart's back. She also had to carry pots and pans and other equipment. The baby lived only six months.

Later a French trader, Peter Gunterman, bought her from the Indians with wine and married her. They were parents of Sallie Gunterman, who married Bailey Seaton Tabb. Sallie (Gunterman) and Bailey Seaton Tabb's daughter, Lavinia, married Elem Morrison. The Morrisons came to Cass County in 1869 and had three daughters: America Belle Morrison, who married Napoleon B. Bybee; Sarah Adaline Morrison, who married Lewis McGill; and Elizabeth Morrison, who married Elijah Stark.

William Thomas Bybee, son of America Belle and Napoleon B. Bybee, has heard the story of Betsy Rawlings Hart Gunterman from his mother and other members of her family. The 16 year old son of Betsy and Miles Hart escaped from the Indians and came to Missouri and lived many years.

HAROLD E. GWINNER

It was on a warm day in August, 1924 at the Urich Reunion in Urich, Mo., that Harold Gwinner and Dottie Sisk fell into one another's company in an unexpected way. They attended the "Tent Show" together that evening and the stage was set for a romance that was to culminate in marriage a few years later. During the romance period Dottie taught school and Harold was engaged in farming. On the day set for the wedding, February 23, 1928, an old fashioned blizzard struck the area blocking roads to auto travel. Transportation to the Christian Church Parsonage at Garden City, five miles away, where the wedding ceremony was to take place was provided by Buford Sisk in the form of a team of mules and a lumber wagon. The accompanying group consisted of Dottie's brother, Buford and his wife Blanch, Harold's sisters, Lydia and Elsie and his brother, Leonard and of course the bride and groom. The wedding ceremony was performed by Howard Leslie, pastor of the Christian Church, in Garden City at about four o'clock.

The first four years of married life were spent on the Ida Hisey farm, five miles east of Garden City. Here, two daughters were born — Shirley Lucille, January, 1930, and Dorothy Marie in July 1931.

March 1, 1932, Harold, Dottie and two daughters moved to a farm one mile north of Index school but the stay there was short. The place belonged to Jess Elliot, who gave the farm to a nephew, Frank Elliot and a move was necessitated. March 1, 1933 a move was made to the Sam Hartzler farm west of Garden City where they resided 18 years, it was while living here their third daughter was born, Donna Louise, April, 1934. Here they went through the depression and drouth of the 30's, here all three girls started to school at Houston country school, here all three graduated from grade school. Here also they witnessed graduation of Shirley and Dorothy from High School and the marriage of two daughters — Dorothy to Bob Gough in June 1949 and Shirley to Robert Dean Surber the same year.

Early in 1951 Harold and Dottie moved to the first home of their own — the Kanzler eighty, located one mile south and one mile east of Daugherty. Run-down and shabby looking they set themselves to the task of shaping it up and after a few years heard considerable comment on "how nice it looks". While here Donna graduated from High School and was married in 1953. During the 23 years' stay here Harold and Dottie bought their first new car and started taking an annual vacation.

After almost 23 years on this farm Harold and Dottie sold it, had a public sale disposing of cattle and other personal property and built a new home on the 170 acres they own 3 miles west of Garden City on #7 Highway.

Their daughters are not far away — Shirley, only a couple of miles from them, Dorothy in Peculiar, Mo. and Donna in Overland Park, Kansas.

Dottie is a native of Cass County being born only a few miles from where she now lives. Harold was born in Nebraska and came to Cass County in 1921.

Dottie belongs to The What-Not Club and Harold is a member of The Cass County Zoning and Planning Commission. They are active in the work of the Christian Church at Garden City.

E. C. GWINNER

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gwinner came to Cass County in April, 1921 and resided on a farm five miles east of Garden City the remainder of their life. Mr. Gwinner was born in Minnesota, came with his parents to Illinois at the age of one year. In 1884 his father homesteaded in Southwest Nebraska and in 1898 E. C. was married to Abbie Christina Hesselein of Spring Bay, Illinois. The couple made their home in Nebraska until 1908, then moving to Oklahoma and in 1921 came to Cass County, Mo.

Mr. Gwinner specialized in the production of fruit, satisfying an early life desire. Although much of his life was spent outside the state, for some years he had a desire to come to Missouri and that reached its fulfillment when he landed in Cass County.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwinner were the parents of four children. Leonard passed away June, 1973; Lydia resides in Garden City, Mo.; Elsie (Mrs. Leonard Wood) lives on a farm west of Dayton and Harold and wife — the former Dottie Sisk live three miles west of Garden City.

E. C. Gwinner died in 1950 at the age of 84 years; his wife died in 1957 at the age of 85 years.

They are laid to rest in the Garden City Cemetery.

EMILY LAND HAIR

Emily Land was the only daughter of an early settler in Virginia. She attended a finishing school for young ladies and met there a French teacher, David Dutro. They were married and David taught in the girls' school. They had four children, David, Jr., Daniel, Lucetta and Louise. David died and later Thomas Hair became her husband.

Mr. Hair was a widower with two grown sons who were married and had moved away. Mr. Hair was a slave owner and trader. Emily and Thomas had one child, George.

Because of the growing anti-slavery feeling Mr. Hair had an auction, sold his slaves and farms and moved his family to Springfield, Illinois, where they lived during the Civil War. David Dutro, Jr., was old enough to enlist in the Army but Dan was underage. He was accepted as a drummer boy. Neither was injured and after the war the family moved in a covered wagon to Pleasant Hill. They purchased a farm six miles north of town and soon David and Dan went West — David to California and Dan to Montana. Thomas Hair (December 19, 1811-February 22, 1894) and Emily Hair (November 20, 1828-March 12, 1912) are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Louise Dutro was the mother of Lee and Clare Phillips and Lucetta Dutro was the mother of Sallie and George Rheem.

HIRAM HALCOMB, JR., OR II

The Halcomb family has had a somewhat illustrious history from the time an Andrew or William, came from England or Wales to settle in Virginia in 1685. In time there came to be two branches; the southern branch and the northern. Fragments of records show land transfer as early as 1654. This treatise will deal with the southern branch of which the writer is a descendant.

A George Harcum (note the spelling has gone through many changes) is named in family records. From all evidence that can be obtained he was a grandson of the earlier mentioned William Harcum. He was married to Sarah Herndon. They became the parents of 15 children, one of whom was Hiram Halcomb, born September 21, 1789 in Caswell County, North Carolina. After having enlisted in the War of 1812 in Robertson County, Tennessee, he later was given an honorable discharge. In 1856 he was granted a patent on 160 acres of land as payment for his services in the war.

While living in Kentucky he bought and sold several farms. He died in 1869.

Hiram Halcomb, Jr. or II was born the son of Hiram Holcom, Sr. and Isabella West on July 21, 1826 in Kentucky. After reaching manhood he along with four brothers and a sister or two moved to Missouri and settled near old Index in Cass County. They settled there because they thought the Kansas City-Clinton-Springfield railroad would be going near there, but instead it went through Garden City.

Previous to coming to Missouri he had married Miss Caroline Newland on February 15, 1859. When they came to Missouri, someone, presumably her parents sent a slave maid with her. Farming was the usual occupation, but Civil War clouds began to darken. War finally broke out. One of their children, Mrs. Nancy Payne, later said her father, and others, had guarded a bridge in Kansas City.

During the war slaves in Cass County would sometimes slip over the border into Kansas. This occasioned reprisals later called Border Warfare. On one occasion, the Halcombs heard that the Bushwhackers (or guerrillas) were coming. Mrs. Halcomb and her sister, who lived with them, hid some newly made quilts out under some gooseberry bushes. However, the guerrillas never came. One of their band, who knew of the Halcombs, told the group to let the "Halcomb family alone." These quilts are still in the possession of some of the grandchildren.

Then came the famous Order No. 11. Two of the Halcomb brothers went into Harrisonville, but Hiram II and his family went back to Kentucky until the war was over. When they came back to Missouri, the slave maid wanted to return with them, but because of the Emancipation Proclamation, they could not let her come.

Two sons and three daughters comprised the Halcomb children. (1) Thomas Benjamin who married Nellie Parker. They were the parents of two sons, Dyas and William; grandparents of 6 children and great grandparents of 2 children; (2) George William married Addie Lusby. They had no children. (3) Nancy Isabella married Howard Payne. They were the parents of 3 sons, Walter Rowland who married Mary Hoover; Elmer Clifford who married Nadine Merchant; Robert Deane who married Anna May Suffecool; and 1 daughter Ethel Magdalene, who married Edward J. Moretine. There are 6 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild in this family. (4) Rilla Irene married Omar Ludwig. To this union were born 2 sons and 1 daughter. Carrol, who married Zora Duck. They were the parents of 3 boys and 1 girl and grandparents of 7 boys and girls; Cecil who was married to Lula Pierce, deceased, and Velma Ludlow; and Mildred Elizabeth who married Robert Barrows. Cecil and Mildred have no children. (5) Mary Jane who married Charles Scott, leaving no children.

Due to lack of space, many facts have had to be omitted, but it is interesting to note the various occupations of members of the Halcomb family. There were doctors, ministers, missionaries, farmers, musicians, college founders, teachers and others.

All of the above statements are documented or handed down from generation to generation.

HIRAM MARCELLUS HALCOMB

Hiram Marcellus Halcomb, son of Amos and Isabella Catherine Halcomb, was born in Kentucky in 1846. He came to Missouri in 1855 and settled in Linn County. In 1856 he moved to Index Township and lived there until his death in 1898. He had four brothers, John S., Virgil E., Amos E., and J. W., and one sister, Elizabeth Edella (Halcomb) Lusby. In

1871 he married Catherine Akins, daughter of George and Margaret Akins. Hiram and Catherine were the parents of nine sons, all deceased.

George A. lived in Phoenix, Ariz.; and had two daughters; James Matthew married Tillie Allison, lived in Garden City, and had two children: Fred, deceased, and Bessie Irene Crowley of Viola, Mo. Mrs. Halcomb resides with her daughter.

Marcellus Eli lived in Harrisonville and married Ann Francisco. He was a teacher and merchant and later was president of the Citizen's National Bank. They had one daughter, Dorothy, who married William B. Cozad of Kansas City, Mo.

C. Bertram married Mattie Schuyler and lived at Ballard, Mo. They were parents of five children: Dean of Butler, now deceased; Ruth (Mrs. George McAllister) of Pheonix, Ariz.; Roy of Oregon; Gladys (Mrs. Cletus Deerdorf) of Butler, Mo.; Betty (Mrs. Arthur Junior Mainard) of Garden City.

John S. of Lacygne, Kans., had two sons: John David of Wichita, Kans. and James of California.

Aubrey E. of Kansas City married Florence Durrett. They had one daughter, Ethel Irene, who married Dr. Homer Puderbaugh, now deceased. Their two children were Homer Leroy of Lincoln, Neb., a teacher in the School of Architecture, and Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Robb of San Antonio, Tex. Irene is now Mrs. Warren Gardner of San Antonio.

Walter O. married Eula A. Peelor of Clinton, Mo. He lived in Harrisonville until his death.

Angus K. married Golda Herndon and they lived in Beatrice, Neb. They had three children, one son, Laverne, deceased, and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth (Robert) Bowers and Iola (Ora) Everston of Kimball, Nebraska.

Edwin Carl married Nettie Jane Cox, Creighton, Mo., who lives with her daughter in Harrisonville. They were parents of seven children. Anna Catherine, who died at the age of two years; Albert Lee, deceased, who married Helen Swaney, Hickman Mills, lived in Hobbs, New Mexico, until his death. Henry Marcellus (Shag) (deceased), who married Amanda Garten of Harrisonville, lived in Mound City, Mo., until his death.

Charles Glenn who married Berniece Moore of Harrisonville lives in Hamburg, Iowa. One daughter, Mary Jane (Michael) Zub, Palmyra, Neb., two grandsons, Michael James and Timothy Glenn. Walter C. Halcomb married Alberta English and lives in Harrisonville. Two children, one son Walter Carl Halcomb, married to Dorothy White lives in Kansas City. Shirley Mae, Mrs. Robert Lee Jones, lives in Van Nuys, California.

Pearlene, married Harvey Van Meter, lives in Harrisonville and they own and operate the Cass County Cleaners. One daughter, Karen Marie, married John T. Southard. They live on a farm one mile East of Harrisonville. John is Secretary-Treasurer for the Patrons and Farmers Insurance Company and Karen is a teacher in the Harrisonville School System. They have one daughter, Meghan Marie, born November 11, 1975.

Ethel Corine married Donald Helmuth, Garden City. They lived in Houston, Tex., for several years and then moved to Bentonville, Ark., where they own and operate a Transfer and Storage Co. They have one daughter, Donita Carlene, who married Charles R. Hubbard. They live in Fayetteville, Ark., and own and operate a Storage and Moving Company. They have twin sons, Willson and Winston, who were born in 1967.

JAMES VINSON HALER

James Vinson Haler, born circa 1840 in Ross County, Ohio; died 1898-1899 at Austin, Cass County, Missouri. At age 21, he enlisted in the Grand Army of the Republic 14 August, 1861 at St. Joseph, Missouri for 3 years; mustered in at Kansas City, Missouri 28 August, 1861. Discharged 26 October, 1864 as a Private, Company H, 13th Regiment, Missouri Infantry at St. Joseph, Missouri.

In 1868 or 1869, James married Mary Ann (Polly) Pickerell, born circa 1849 in Nodaway County, Missouri; daughter of James and Lucinda Pickerell, who quite possibly had settled in Cass County by that time. Mary Ann died 1898-1899 at Austin.

James was a farmer. He and Polly had seven children, all born at Austin: Charles Alford, born 24 February, 1870; James Holland, 31 July, 1871; Willie, died in infancy, 1874; Nettie Belle, 7 June, 1876; Ernest, birthdate unknown, died circa 1903; Maggie LouRena, 25 March, 1886 and Lee Roy, 10 March, 1889. James, Polly, Willie and Ernest are interred in the Austin Cemetery. Ernest was employed by a railroad and killed in an accident at Osawatomie, Kansas.

Charles Alford married, first, Viola (?), and second, Anna May Lawson, born 12 July, 1878, Clinton, Henry County, Missouri; died 15 May, 1923, daughter of Charles and Malinda (Baker) Lawson. Charles was a railroad switchman and died 25 March, 1924 in Kansas City, Missouri. No children.

James Holland married, on 2 December, 1896 at Archie, Missouri, Erma Grace Elliott, born 25 February, 1879 at Phillipsburg, Kansas; died 22 May, 1955; daughter of Cornelius David and Lakerie (Norris) Elliott. Three children: Ebert Lee, born 7 February, 1898; Roy Linton, 4 March, 1902, died in infancy and Audrey Geraldine, 9 May, 1904. All children born at Archie, Missouri. James was employed by Katy Railroad. He retired in 1936 from the Butler Manufacturing Company. James died 21 May, 1957, Kansas City, Missouri.

Nettie Belle married James William Porter, born 16 December, 1866 near Lee's Summit, Missouri, died 28 November, 1946. Two children: Noma Pearl, born 2 May, 1894, Muskogee, Oklahoma (at that time Indian Territory) and Harry, born 1902 and died in infancy. Nettie managed the Pacific House in Archie. Nettie died 20 September, 1916, Musselshell, Montana and she and James William are interred in Crescent Hill Cemetery.

Maggie LouRena (Rena) married first, on 2 February, 1905 at Harrisonville, Missouri, Walter Lee Hodges, born 18 April, 1886 at Archie, Missouri; died 7 December, 1957 at Kansas City, Missouri; interred Crescent Hill Cemetery. Walter was the son of Ellis Franklin and Mary Louise (Molly) (Hoots) Hodges. Two sons: Franklin (Frank), born 20 September, 1906 and Ernest Haler, 7 August, 1914. Both born at Archie, Missouri. In 1924 and 1925, Rena, Walter, son Frank and family friend, Clyde Perdue operated a garage located on the Southeast corner of the intersection north of Bob Wright's Lumber Company; then moved to Garland's building. In 1925, the Hodges managed the Archie Hotel. Rena's second

marriage, 31 December, 1927, was to Ross Everett Swigart, born 13 July, 1885, Orrick, Missouri; died 2 September, 1949, Butler, Missouri. Son of George Crouse and Dorothy Ann (Soutter) Swigart. Ross was Section Foreman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Rena died 18 April, 1949 at Archie and both are interred in Crescent Hill Cemetery.

Lee Roy married Sarah Amanda Harris, of Slater, Missouri. One son, Howard Lee. Lee was employed by Chicago and Alton Railroad. Lee Roy died 24 June, 1932, Kansas City, Missouri and Amanda, 10 May, 1962, Blue Springs, Missouri.

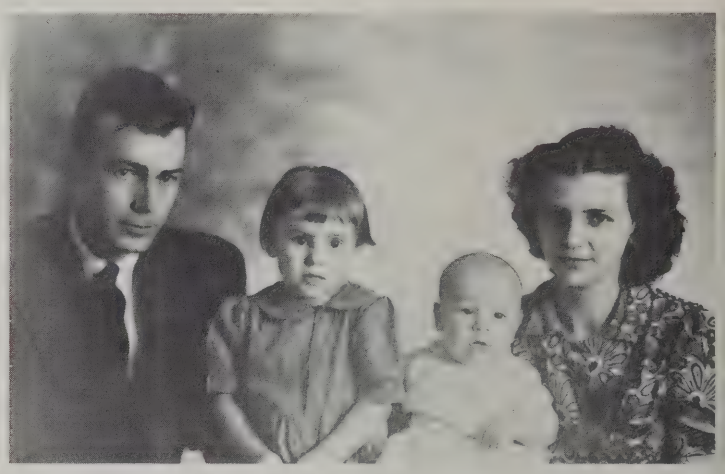
DANIEL KERNS HALL

Daniel Kerns Hall was born Sept. 5, 1833 and died Feb. 18, 1905. He was the son of Daniel and Sabra (Nocks) Hall. Both of his parents were born in the state of Maine — his father on Sept. 22, 1788 and his mother on Oct. 12, 1794. He was one of 11 children. On March 17, 1867 he married Lue J. Hawley and they had 6 children — Ada, Eliza, Charles, Sabra, Delmer and May. Captain Hall's mother died when he was very small and for years he made his home with an older sister. Being ambitious to secure an education, he performed farm labor to enable him to attend the public schools, and thereby prepared himself to teach. This enabled him to secure an academic and collegiate education, which he did in Danville, Ill., and Franklin College, Indiana. He studied law in the office of Judge Porter at Monmouth, Ill. and was admitted to the bar, after an examination by the Supreme Court of that State, and he began the practice of law in Taylorville in 1860. At the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted as a soldier in Company "K," 41st 111., Reg., and in the election of officers of the company was elected and commissioned First Lieutenant, and afterwards Captain. He was in a number of hard fought battles, and, in the battle of Franklin was severly wounded from the effects of which he never entirely recovered. He was not thereafter able to do active service as a soldier. He was, however, promoted to the rank of Major, and served in the Commissary department to the end of the War. At the close of the war he moved to Missouri, and in the Fall of 1865 located in Pleasant Hill and the following Spring moved to Harrisonville, where the law firm of Hall & Given was formed and continued until 1877. After that time he devoted his time to his estates and the banking business, being president of the Allen Banking Co. from 1885 to 1895, and a director of the Citizens National Bank since its organization. Ada, their oldest child died in early childhood; Eliza (Iza) married Dr. A. R. Elder, Charles married Mary Maxwell, Sabra married F. E. Runnenburger, May married Robert R. Deacon, and Delmer married Besse Christopher. He was a long time member of the Masonic Orders and the Baptist Church.

ALBERT L. HAMILTON

Albert L. Hamilton was born February 2, 1919 in Pleasant Hill and is still living there. He was the fourth of six children of Blanch Morse Hamilton and Cleveland Hamilton. He attended school in Pleasant Hill and at rural schools in this district. While attending high school he worked as a yardman and gardener at the place that is now the Wallace Funeral Home. He worked at A. D. Mohr Greenhouse and Colonial Hatchery. In 1942 he moved to Kansas City and worked at an airplane plant until going into the Army in 1944. He served 18 months in the Infantry, 14 months in the South Pacific in combat in the Philippine Islands. He went with the occupation forces into Japan. He received the Purple Heart when hit by a hand grenade in the face requiring surgery to his eye. He was discharged in January, 1945, returning to Pleasant Hill.

He worked as a truck driver one year. He ran a garage at Holden, Missouri for two years. He has been employed at Ford Motor Company for twenty-seven years.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamilton, Arbetta and Joe.

He married Rose Okemah Ferguson, born Sept. 6, 1920, of Pleasant Hill on May 7, 1939 at Kansas City, Missouri. She was the third child of Blanch Sigler Ferguson and Lavale Ferguson. She worked at Sears in Kansas City for two years, also Lake City for two years. They had five children.

Arbetta Kay, 1942, attended Pleasant Hill School. In 1959 she married Clarence Ray Smallwood and had three children. Candia Kay, 1960; Tonya Rae, 1961; Daymon Lynn, 1962. In 1963 she married Doug Jone, one child, Brian Douglas, 1964.

Joseph Albert, 1944. He attended Pleasant Hill Schools, Central Missouri State University, Missouri University of Law in Kansas City. He worked at a law firm in Kansas City, also as an assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County for two years. He has a law office in Pleasant Hill and is the Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County. He married Debi Miller, of Independence, Missouri, February 20, 1970. They have two children, Heather Renee, 1971 and Matthew Joseph, 1973.

Michael Lavale, 1954. He attended Pleasant Hill School. He worked at A. D. Mohr Greenhouse while in high school. He worked at Ferguson Greenhouse for three years leaving it in September, 1975 to go to work at a greenhouse in Watsonville, California.

Patrick Alan, 1959. Pat is a Junior in high school. He wants to work in Conservation.

Janell Blanch, 1964. Janell is in the fifth grade at school. She wants to be a teacher. She is very happy to be an aunt to four children older than herself.

CLEVE ELMER HAMILTON

Cleve Elmer Hamilton (1884-1973) was born in Centerville, Iowa, the fourth child of Isaac and Lou Ella Rucker Hamilton. He moved to Pleasant Hill, Missouri as a young man and married Blanche Hannah Morse, (1889-1940). She was the daughter of Joel Luther Morse and Hannah Lucy Strong Morse. Mr. Hamilton was a farmer, farming in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill. This era of farming was done by horses and all milking was done by hand. He loved all sports — fishing was his greatest pleasure, even after he reached the age of 80.

Mrs. Hamilton was strictly a wife and mother. Putting these before everything else. She had a great gift of helping her friends and neighbors. She has been known to stay with and sit up to care for the sick for several days at a time. Cleve and Blanche had six children, Elmer Lincoln, O'June Leota, Bonetha Hannah, Albert Luther, Marion Ray and Maxine Marilyn.

Elmer married Pearl Cole and died at the age of 21. Maxine died as an infant. O'June married Wallace Gardner and they had three children, William Wallace, Donald Ray and Bernadene; she later married Omer Earl, of Kingsville. Bonetha married Alexander J. Small, Jr. and they had four children, Bonetha Joyce, Sandra Telitia, Alex III and Judith Nann; she later married John James, of Harrisonville. Albert married Okemah Ferguson and they had five children, Arbetta Kay, Joseph Albert, Michael, Patrick and Janelle. Marion married Emma Lou Thompson and they had two children, John Gregory and James Steven.

SID J. HAMILTON

Sid J. Hamilton and Nannie Brown Kerr were married March 1, 1893 and started housekeeping near Peculiar, just south of the Harrelson railroad switch of the Frisco.

Mr. Hamilton was born on a farm west of Belton, and Mrs. Hamilton in Kentucky. She moved to Missouri when she was three years old. Her grandfather, Simpson Kerr, had moved from Kentucky to Missouri in the 1840's and her father, Caleb Kerr, joined him in the 1850's. They settled in the old Santa Fe section of Jackson County near the Missouri-Kansas State Line and moved to the West Belton community shortly after the Civil War and lived in that area the rest of their lives.

The Sid J. Hamiltons became the parents of three sons: Glenn on February 18, 1894; Paul on November 15, 1896; Brutus on July 19, 1900.

In 1901, Mr. Hamilton purchased a farm northwest of Belton, and the family lived there until 1907 when Mr. Hamilton was elected Sheriff of Cass County and moved to Harrisonville.

The three Hamilton boys graduated from Harrisonville High School. Glenn attended Warrensburg State Normal and after serving in the Navy in the First World War, settled in Neodesha, Kansas. He served as City Clerk of that city for 35 years until his retirement in 1959. Glenn was President of Hamilton-Harrisonville Corporation, a real estate holding company, and lived in Kansas City and Harrisonville after retirement.

Glenn married the former Esther Hodges of Paola, Kansas, in 1921. She died in 1963. Their only son, Sidney Glenn Hamilton, was graduated from Kansas State College with degrees in electrical engineering and business administration.

Glenn married Agnes Brown, daughter of Robert A. and Mary A. Brown, August 16, 1970. He passed away August 9, 1973, at the old Brown home northwest of Harrisonville.

After graduation from Harrisonville High School, Paul Hamilton entered the University of Missouri in 1914. He entered the Army in 1917. At the University, Paul played on the football team and was captain of the 1917 team.

After two years in the Army, he went to Kansas City to work for the J. C. Nichols Company.

In 1937, in partnership with the late William J. Crawford, he formed the Hamilton-Crawford Realty Co., which later became Paul Hamilton Company, Realtors.

In 1925, Paul married the former Elizabeth McKellar of Forney, Texas. Her mother was Emily Guyton of the Pleasant Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton had two sons: Paul, Jr., who is president of the Interstate Securities Company; and Guyton, who lives in Arkansas.

Brutus graduated from the Harrisonville High School in 1918. He entered the University of Missouri where his athletic abilities became widely known. He was the American Pentathlon and Decathlon champion in 1920 and a member of the 1920 U.S. Olympic team that competed in Antwerp, Belgium. He returned to Missouri University and was graduated in 1922. After a brief business career in Kansas City, he was instructor in history and English, and assistant football coach at Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri. In 1929 he was selected to be head track coach of the University of Kansas.

While at the 1932 Olympic games at Los Angeles he was offered and accepted the position of head track and field coach at the University of California in Berkeley, a position he held until 1965 when he reached the age of mandatory retirement.

Brutus spent three years as Captain in the U.S. Air Force, during World War II.

In 1952 he was selected as head coach of the United States Olympic track and field team and guided them to victory in the games held at Helsinki, Finland. In 1954, he was sent by our State Department to work with athletes in India.

Brutus was married in 1926 to Rowena Thornburg, a Kansas State graduate. A married daughter, Jean, and two grandchildren live in Sacramento, California.

Brutus died December 28, 1970 in Berkeley, California, after several years of retirement.

Sid J. Hamilton died February 8, 1943; his wife died September 18, 1959.

JAMES HAMMONDS

Members of the Hammonds family were originally English. Two brothers came to America in the early settlement of Colonies. Names and dates so far are not available, until the great-grandfather appears on the scene.

James Hammonds and wife, Edith Hammonds, and children traveled overland to Missouri in covered wagons, homesteading on a farm of eighty acres, entered to the Government, USA, in 1853, twelve miles southwest of Harrisonville, in Cass County, in the Hickory Grove and Grand River communities. They brought a Negro slave with them who helped great-grandmother to rear her children: a son, John Henry Hammonds, and three daughters: Rebecca Margaret (Hammonds) Spangler; Elizabeth (Hammonds) Pebbeths; Mary A. (Hammonds) Delavan. Great-grandfather sold his farm to son, John Henry Hammonds, in 1866. Great-grandmother brought with her a chicken and Great-aunt Ellen Moul also had a chicken and that was the way they got their start of chickens. In those days, grain was hauled to Independence, Mo. and made into meal. The ladies liked to visit one another and prided themselves in wearing a nice white apron when going to visit.

The John Henry Hammonds Family.

John Henry Hammonds married Miriam Ann Davenport in the family home on September 13, 1868. They became the parents of five sons, and four daughters, namely: James Henry, Arthur Clinton, John Franklin, Clarence Almer, Lenora Ann, Ida Deane, Jesse Lee, Elsie Evaline and Miriam Frances. Grandfather and grandmother were Christians and of the Baptist faith. They believed "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." All of their children became Baptists when they reached the age of accountability. They were farmers and carpenters. They would prepare their Sunday meals on Saturday. Everyone went to Church on Sunday and visited relatives and friends. John Henry Hammonds enlisted in the Civil War in the Confederate Army, as well as two of his brothers, Martin and another brother who never returned home from the War. Great-grandfather passed away at the age of 63, February 12, 1868, and great-grandmother passed away August 7, 1885, at the age of 76 years and 4 months.

John Henry Hammonds served on the Hickory Grove school board. He was a member of Grand River Masonic Lodge No. 276 AF&AM. Their membership was in the Grand River Baptist Church located in the center of the Brady Cemetery. In later years, the Church was moved to its present site. John Henry Hammonds departed this life October 9, 1903. His wife, Miriam Ann, to keep the family together on their farm, remained there and raised her children. She departed this life February 28, 1915. John Henry and Miriam Ann were the parents of nine children, namely: James Henry, Arthur Clinton, John Franklin, Clarence Almer, Lenora Ann, Ida Deane, Jesse Lee, and Elsie Evaline and Miriam Frances.

Ida Deane Hammonds was united in marriage to Joseph Moul, December 16, 1895. They were the parents of the following children: Truman, Earl, Hazel (Moul) Frazee; Esther Moul, Grace Moul, Lillie Moul, Lucille (Moul) Perkins, Thelma (Moul) Schumacher, Virginia (Moul) Wyatt, Eva (Moul) Peters, Violet (Moul) Winkler, Beulah (Moul) Tayes, and one child (nameless) died in infancy.

Clarence Almer Hammonds was united in marriage to Martha Ann Miles on August 12, 1902. One child, John Ellis, was born of this union.

Jesse Lee Hammonds was united in marriage to Mary Catharine Russell, September 19, 1906. To this union three children were born: Lee, Alma (Hammonds) Brown and Ernest.

Lenora Ann Hammonds united in marriage with Oliver K. Mason, March 27, 1907.

Elsie Evaline Hammonds and John Stephens were united in marriage on January 21, 1908. Five children were born to this union: Roy, Harry, Bertha (Stephens) Walker, Charles and Florence (Stephens) Roseberry.

James Henry Hammonds and Ethel Chloe Stubbs were married December 28, 1910.

John Franklin Hammonds and Lula May Dixon were married February 24, 1913. Frank's three step-children were: Lena, Frances and Fred Dixon.

Miriam Frances Hammonds was united in marriage to Franklin Ernest Dickey on March 22, 1916. To this union four children were born, namely: Ernest, Leslie, Eugene and Laverna.

Clarence A. Hammonds bought the homestead from all the heirs. The family cemetery, known as Hickory Grove Cemetery, where the great-grandparents and grand-parents are buried, is located directly north of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church southwest of Harrisonville.

The Ed Harbison Family in 1942.

ED HARBISON

A. D. and Susan Harbison retired in Belton, Missouri from trading cattle and farming in the Pleasant Hill community. A. D. Harbison died in Belton in 1924. Susan died in Greenwood, Missouri in 1941 where she lived with the Ed Harbison family.

Ed Harbison was the eldest son of eight children in the A. D. Harbison family. Ed and wife, May, moved from a farm south of Lone Jack, Missouri to Raymore in 1918. They lived in town while Ed farmed eighty acres east of Raymore approximately eight years, then moved to a farm two and a half miles east of Greenwood. The children of Ed and May Harbison were Lois, born in 1910, and David Howard, born in 1918. The Harbison family enjoyed a wide circle of friends in N.E. Cass County (Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville) during the years they lived east of Greenwood from 1926 until May Harbison died in 1951 and Ed passed away in 1958.

Lois attended Greenwood public schools until her senior year which was completed in Pleasant Hill. She also graduated from Warrensburg State Teachers College before spending a lifetime career of teaching.

D. H. Harbison completed Greenwood schools and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1940. Except for four and a half years of military service in World War II, his adult life has been spent in the employment of International Harvester Company. He and his wife, Betty, live in Houston, Texas after rearing two children, Patti, who lives with her husband and two children in Bedford, Texas, and David Edwin, who lives with his wife in Houston.

JOSEPH HARLESS

Joseph was a descendant of John Phillip Harless (1716-1772) the first Harless immigrant from the German upper Rhine Palatinate, arriving in Philadelphia Sept. 5, 1738 with his wife, Anna Margareta (Preiss). Martin, one of the sons of John and grandfather of Joseph, was born in 1739, died 1820 near what is now McGaneysville, Va. He married Catharine Lingel and established his family on a large acreage in Clover Hollow, on Singing Creek, near what is now Newport, Va. Martin served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Looney's Co., Virginia. His son, Ferdinand (1755-1850) married Frances Duncan in Augusta Co., Va. They also lived in Clover Hollow, now in Giles Co., Va. Ferdinand served in the Revolutionary War at Smithfield in Virginia Militia under Capt. Floyd for 2 years and under Capt. Lucas in a garrison on Sinking Creek for 2 years.

Joseph Harless, a son of Ferdinand, was born 1788 and married Agnes Adkins (1790) daughter of Stephen Adkins in Giles Co., Va. April 24, 1810. They first lived in Giles Co., Va. and after 1812, in Floyd Co., Ky. in that part which later became Pike Co. Their home was on Harless Creek near its junction with Russell Fork of the Big Sandy. In 1836 the family moved to Van Buren (Cass) Co., Mo. where they settled in West Dolan Twp. near a creek now called Harless. Joseph died in the spring of 1839 and was buried on his farm. Children of Joseph were: Aaron (married Elizabeth Huston in Ky.); Almeda (married David Powell, also in Ky.); Delila (b. 1813, married Samuel Martin in Clay County in 1836, July 26, 1840); Frances (b. 1818, married Hugh Reynolds in Nov. 23, 1837); Elizabeth (b. 1820, married Levi Reynolds Dec. 7, 1837); Susannah (married Clayborn Cockrell Mar. 19, 1840); Agnes (married 1. James Noland, 2. Louis LaPlaunte, 3. Jacob Decker), and Miles (married Margaret Gann).

Aaron Harless was born in 1811 and married Elizabeth Hutson (1816) at Pileville, Ky., on July 23, 1830. They moved to Missouri with the rest of the family. During Order No. 11, they moved to Buchanan Co., Mo. near Agency Ford. Their children: Sylvester W. (born 1833, married Feb. 20, 1852 in Cass Co. to Sarah H. McGriffin; 2nd to Mary Rockhold, Dec. 27, 1868 in Buchanan Co.); Sibranus (born in Ky. married June 1, 1856 in Cass Co. to Sarah Ann Beck); Lavines (born 1836 in Mo.); Elizabeth Ann (born 1841 in Mo.); Drison M. (born 1843 in Mo., married Caroline (?) in Illinois).

Miles married Margaret D. Gann about 1849 in Buchanan Co. and moved to Calif. in 1859.

Children of Frances (Harless) and Hugh Brown Reynolds were: James M., John W., William C., Jefferson and Levi W.

Children of Elizabeth (Harless) and Levi Wallace Reynolds were: James S., John Yerby, William, Jasper, Melvin, Martha E., Malinda Jane, Mary Francis, Susan Marinda, Hugh and Fannie Ann. The son, John Yerby married Mary Catherine Groom in Clay County and they were parents of Roy G. and Betsy Rose, who have made their home in Cass County.

The genealogical history of the Harless family is on file at several libraries including: The Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah; Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia; The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.

CHARLES HARPER

Charles Harper, born July 10, 1866; died Sept. 23, 1917, was born in Huntington County, Indiana and came to Cass Co., Mo. with his parents. On Jan. 19, 1890 he married Alice May Balgun of the Burdette community. They lived near Lisle, Mo. north of Drexel for several years, then settled on their farm near Burdette in 1893. Here they spent the remainder of their lives. When Drexel was being built, he helped haul bricks by wagon from Paola, Kans.

Charles Harper was a good, kind, hard-working man. He was not a member of a church. He died of a heart attack at the age of 51 years. His widow married a man named Brown. Charles and Alice Harper had three daughters:

1. Florence Harper, who died when only a few days old.

2. Inez Lee Harper, born Feb. 12, 1893 near Lisle, Mo., married Aug. 4, 1909, Honest Arthur Mudd at Butler, Mo. They had one daughter, Wilma Nancy Mae Mudd, born Sept. 4, 1910 near Adrian, Mo. and married Wiley Eliot at Paola, Kans. Aug. 18, 1927 and had Chloe Cleyus Eliot, born Jan. 29, 1929, who married May 26, 1945 Kenneth Earl Hubbard, Butler, Mo. Kenneth Hubbard was a World War II veteran. He entered the Navy May 18, 1945 at Farragut, Idaho for training; then went to Great Lakes at Chicago, Washington, San Diego, Calif. and out to sea. He was on board the "Calhoun", a battleship, when it was sunk in Oct. of 1945. He received his honorable discharge in March of 1946. Kenneth and Chloe Hubbard settled on a farm near Burdette, Mo. They have three children: Stephen Earl, born Jan. 25, 1947; Dennis Wayne, born Apr. 11, 1949 and Wilma Lee, born Jan. 26, 1952. Chloe Hubbard was killed in a freak automobile accident in 1965. Her mother, Wilma Eliot died about 1953 after a year's illness with cancer of the spine. During her long illness, Wilma Eliot collected the family record of the Charles Harper family.

3. Helen Blanche Harper, daughter of Charles and Alice Harper, born Nov. 27, 1906 near Adrian, Mo., married Samuel Ezra "Nig" Van Eaton at Paola, Kans. They had three sons: Kenneth Allen Van Eaton, born Mar., 1923; died of pneumonia in the same year; Charles Keith Van Eaton, born Aug. 7, 1925, entered the Navy Oct. 19, 1943 as an electrician, training at Farragut, Idaho, Great Lakes at Chicago, Los Angeles and out to sea for fourteen months. He was attached to Admiral Nimitz's 54th Fleet on an aircraft carrier. The carrier was hit by a Japanese suicide plane. Charles received his honorable discharge after World War II. He lives in Kansas City, Missouri. The third son, Donald Eugene Van Eaton was born Aug. 6, 1928. He entered the Army in 1948 and was stationed at Camp Chaffzee, Arkansas; Wheeling, West Virginia; had schooling as a clerk-typist at Albuquerque, N.M., sailed for Japan Dec. 4, 1950 and returned Sept. 29, 1951. He died in an automobile wreck Nov. 6, 1952. Donald was a Baptist and is buried at Crescent Hill Cemetery near Adrian, Missouri.

Helen Harper had tuberculosis when her two boys were young. Her mother cared for her while her sister, Inez Mudd, raised her boys. She was separated from Nig Van Eaton and lived with her mother until she went to live in the home of Angus Huntsmand and his mother near Spruce, Missouri.

FINIS HARPER

Finis Harper, son of William H. and Jennie L. Sanders Harper in Bates County just south of Archie, Missouri on July 16, 1899. Mr. Harper had a butcher shop in Archie and later owned a 200 acre farm southeast of Peculiar, Missouri where he raised a large family.

On February 17, 1930, Finis married Grace Verna Benjamin. They are active members of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Finis and Grace Harper had three children. The children are Shirley L., who married Ralph L. Knox May 27, 1951, Jack E. who married Kathryn Lemon May 20, 1961, and Sharon L. who married Howard Dwayne Rees, July 20, 1963.

The Harpers have lived in the Peculiar and Harrisonville community and in 1944, Finis purchased an 80 acre farm south of Harrisonville where he raised cattle and conducted his trucking business with his son until his retirement in 1964. He still raises cattle and spends his leisure time fishing.

The Harpers have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The grandchildren are, David L. Knox, Sondra L. Knox Wilson and Crystal L. Knox, children of (Shirley) and Ronald W. Rees, son of (Sharon). The great grandchildren are Tracy L. and Charla L. Knox, daughters of David L. Knox.

RAYMOND H. HARPER

Raymond H. Harper, son of William H. and Yettie (Schraw) Harper, was born October 7, 1910. His grandparents, the William Harpers, came from Cass County, Ohio, in the spring of 1871, and settled near Archie. His father, William H. Harper, bought a 200-acre farm southeast of Peculiar, where they raised a large family.

On May 22, 1932, Raymond married Mildred Louise King of Raymore. Her grandparents were among the first settlers of the Raymore community, purchasing a farm south of Raymore in 1847. William H. King's son, Earle King, lived his entire life on this farm. In addition to farming, Earle King was Judge of the north district in Cass County until his death in 1945.

Raymond and Louise Harper had two sons. Raymond Wayne died at the age of two years from burns suffered when their home burned. Ronald Dean served with the Army in Germany from 1954-1956. He is married, lives in St. Louis, and is engaged in the electronics field. They have two children.

The Harpers also have a foster daughter, Jenny Nylund, who came to make her home with them in 1960.

Raymond Harper served in World War II in the Navy, on the U.S.S. Pecos, in the South Pacific for two years with eight battle stars. Returning from the service in 1946, the Harpers purchased a 300-acre farm, and deal in registered Angus cattle. Both Raymond and Louise are active members of the Peculiar Methodist Church. Raymond has served as a member of the School Board for a number of years, as a member of the Township Board, and as a committee member of the Cass County Livestock Association. He is a member of the Peculiar Lions Club.

SARAH DEAN HARPER

Sarah Dean, daughter of John and Rachael Dean, was born Oct. 13, 1837 near Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio. She married William Harper Aug. 15, 1858 in Ohio, moved to Indiana in 1863 and to Missouri in 1870. Sarah was about 5 feet tall, had red hair, was a very kind hearted person and was a hard worker. She stayed on the farm alone after her husband died doing all the work on the farm. Her grandmother Hite gave her a wooden potato masher when she was nine years old. She, in turn, gave the potato masher to her granddaughter, Hazel McNeil.

William and Sarah Harper had seven children and recorded the following in a family Bible: Laura Viola Harper — Jan. 11, 1860, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Ida Mae Harper — Dec. 26, 1861, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Fedelia Clementine — July 27, 1863, Huntington Co., Ind.; Charles Harper, July 10, 1866, Huntington Co., Ind.; James Harper, Apr. 3, 1868, Huntington Co., Ind.; Minnie Florence, Dec. 27, 1869, Huntington Co., Ind.; Rebecca Harper, Mar. 29, 1872, Cass Co., Mo.

Sarah Harper was cared for in the home of her daughter, Ola May (Laura Viola Harper May) in her final illness. She died Mar. 19, 1911 and is buried at Sharon Cemetery. (See Harper family for the children of Sarah (Dean) Harper.)

WILLIAM HARPER

William Harper, son of James and Rebecca Harper, was born Dec. 19, 1827 in Maryland. He was married in Ohio, Aug. 15, 1858 to Sarah Dean, daughter of John and Rachael (Hite) Dean. William and Sarah lived near Lancaster in Fair-

field Co., Ohio until 1863 when they moved to Huntington Co., Indiana. In 1870 they removed to Missouri by covered wagon where they settled on the 80 acres of land John Dean had purchased for them. At first they rented a farm near Everett, Missouri. There were about a dozen houses there as well as a store and they lived with a bachelor called Captain Scearce until 1872. In March of that year they were hurrying to lay the floors in their new house before their last child, Rececca, was born. William and Sarah Harper spent the rest of their lives on this 80 acre farm in Cass County. William died on Jan. 29, 1890 of pneumonia and is buried at Sharon Cemetery.

Children of William and Sarah Harper: 1. Laura Viola, b. Jan. 11, 1860 Fairfield Co., Ohio, married Samuel A. May. (See Sketch) 2. Ida Mae Harper, b. Dec. 26, 1861 Fairfield Co., Ohio, married Charles M. Core. (See Sketch) 3. Fedelia Clementine Harper, b. July 27, 1863 Fairfield Co., Ohio, married, as his second wife, John McNeil (See Sketch) 4. Charles Harper, born July 10, 1866, Huntington Co., Ind., married Alice May Balgun, died Sept. 23, 1917 (See Sketch) 5. James Harper, born April 3, 1868 Huntington Co., Ind. (According to the 1880 census he was born in Missouri.) He never married and lived with his mother on the farm near Drexel, Missouri until her death. When James died he was buried at Sharon near Drexel. 6. Minnie Florence Harper, b. Dec. 27, 1869, Huntington Co., Ind. Soon after her birth her parents set out by covered wagon for Missouri. They arrived before she was four months old and she spent her childhood on the family home place in Cass County. On Oct. 16, 1888, she was married to William Gillogly and they moved to Squirrel Creek, Colorado. Later they made their home in Washington state. Children were Onie May, who married Charles Belton and lives in Los Angeles, California; Elza; Ollie; Verna and Lena, who is deceased. 7. Rebecca Harper, b. Mar. 29, 1872 Cass Co., Mo. She was named for her father's mother, Rebecca Harper. It was "Becky's" birth which dated the time of the building of the Harper home in Cass County. Becky married, on Feb. 11, 1891, William Kenneda, whose mother's maiden name was Jane Haley Merrill. Her family immigrated to America in 1635 and is on record down to Jane Haley Merrill's marriage to James Riley Kenneda. William was one of their six children.

William and Becky Kenneda went to La Grande, Oregon to make their home but Aunt Becky came on frequent visits to Missouri to see her family. She died Feb. 9, 1958.

Children of William and Rebecca Kenneda were: 1. Zepha, b. July 31, 1892 near Drexel, Mo. Married Robert Garfield Swartz March 19, 1916 in La Grande, Oreg. He was born March 19, 1892 in Moscow, Idaho. They had one child, Robert Kenneda Swartz, born Aug. 8, 1921, Los Angeles, Calif., married Edna Wilson Rae Nov. 19, 1949 and had Kenneth Robert, b. Oct. 31, 1951 at Los Angeles. 2. Harry, b. May 24, 1899, married Olive Rodes in 1920 and had one child, James, b. May 12, 1924. Olive died in 1936 and Harry Sept. 6, 1953. 3. Nellie May, b. Nov. 11, 1894, married Jess Rosenbaum in April, 1917 and had one son, Merrill, b. Feb. 23, 1920, who was in the Navy on the St. Lo and drowned at sea Oct. 24, 1944 during World War II. 4. Eunice Vera, b. Sept. 5, 1896 near Drexel, married Sept. 3, 1918 Sherman Eli Buck, b. Feb. 1, 1892 near White City, Kansas. They had two children, Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1920, Salt Lake City, married Albert Fuller Sept. 30, 1940 at Burlingame, Calif. Divorced in 1944 and married 2nd, Clyde Oliver Williams Sept. 25, 1944, Kalispell, Montana. There were two children, Arthur Gene Williams, b. Dec. 16, 1945 and Mary Kathleen Williams, b. Jan. 31, 1949. Children of Eunice and Sherman Buck were Raymond Connor Buck, b. July 13, 1922 married Josephine Mildred Reiley and had two children, Robert Connor, Jr. and Martha Joan. 5. Winifred Merle, b. April 14, 1902, married Walter John VanBlokland Oct. 3, 1923 and had one child, Janice Gaile, b. Jan. 8, 1932, married Mar. 7, 1952, David Scott, U.S.N. They have one child, Gayle Lynn Scott, b. Jan. 3, 1953.

FLEMING HARRIS

Son of Reuben Sr. and Margaret (McAlexander) Harris, Fleming Harris was born 22 July 1802, Patrick Co., Va., died 1 Apr. 1855, Cass Co., Mo. He married 7 March 1824, Patrick Co., Va., Nancy Walker Lyon, daughter of William and Milly (McAlexander) Lyon, born 9 Nov. 1803, Amherst Co., Va., died 29 Jan. 1864, Cass Co. Both are buried in the Harris family cemetery about 3 miles NW of Harrisonville on Highway 291. (Their daughter, Eliza Ann Farmer replaced their old stones 1913 with a new double stone on which the year dates of Nancy Harris are erroneous).

Mrs. Fleming Harris
(Nancy Walker Lyon).

Fleming Harris moved with his father and others of the family from Patrick Co., Va. to Jackson Co., Mo. late 1830 or 1831, Fleming settling then S. of Independence in the area of present Lee's Summit Road and Highway 40. He had moved into Van Buren Co. by the time it was cut from Jackson Co. and acquired a good bit of land in now Peculiar Twp., establishing his home farm in Secs. 20 and 21, Twp. 45, R. 31, on a part of which land the family cemetery remains. Close to him settled various family connections, his father-in-law William Lyon, his brothers-in-law James J. Lyon, Samuel Sharp, Alfred M. Shelton, and his wife's aunt Mrs. Nancy Tuggle and members of her family.

Fleming and Nancy Harris were two of the organizing members of Hopewell Baptist Church (also called New Hope Baptist Church) in 1835. The first church building was a little SW of Harrisonville but after Harrisonville had been located so many members began to move into the town it was decided to move the church there. On 12 Apr. 1845 Fleming Harris and his wife Nancy deeded to the Trustees of "the Baptist

Church called Hopewell" Lot #214 in Harrisonville, where the first church house built in Harrisonville was erected. There have been rebuildings and remodelings but the Harrisonville Baptist Church still stands on the same site.

When Harrisonville was located in 1837, surveyed and laid off in lots, Fleming Harris was appointed County Seat Commissioner for the sale of lots, the first sale occurring 12 June 1837. He served on the first Grand Jury of the county and others thereafter.

The children of Fleming and Nancy Walker (Lyon) Harris were: (1) Mahala Harris born 5 Jan. 1825, Patrick Co., Va., died there an infant. (2) William L. Harris born 2 July 1826, Patrick Co., Va., married first 2 Nov. 1848, Van Buren Co., Mo., Louisa M. Houchens, 1832-1854, buried in the Harris family cemetery; married second 8 May 1855, Cass Co., Cynthia C. Armstrong. He and his brother John A. Harris had a store on the square in Harrisonville during the 1860s. After his brother's death William L. Harris moved to Lampasas, Tex. where he was in the hardware business. (3) Eliza Ann Harris born 14 Feb. 1828, Patrick Co., Va., died 5 March 1907, Kansas City, Mo., married 26 March 1848, Van Buren Co., Edmund Lee Tuggle, 1824-1906. Both were first buried in the Harris family cemetery but later moved to Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. (4) Reuben Alexander Harris born 1830, Patrick Co., Va., died 10 June 1832, Jackson Co., Mo. (5) John Anderson Harris born 11 June 1832, Jackson Co., died 4 Oct. 1864, Cass Co., married first 27 Jan. 1853, Cass Co., Sarah Underwood, had a second wife named Mary. From 1861 until his death he was partner in a store in Harrisonville with his brother William L. Harris. (6) Letha Jane Harris born 11 Feb. 1834, Jackson or Van Buren Co., married 26 Sept. 1853, Cass Co., Joel Francis Agnew. They were in Ill. 1864, are said to have gone to Tex. for a few years but returned to Mo. (7) Elizabeth Ann Harris born 11 Oct. 1835, Van Buren Co., died 25 May 1930, Joplin, Mo., buried Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, married 12 May 1856, Cass Co., Coleman G. Farmer. They were in Jasper Co., Mo. 1864, in Shelby Co., Ill. 1865, in Pleasant Hill, Mo. 1870, are said to have gone to Tex. for a few years but returned to Mo. He had a mercantile store at sometime in Harrisonville, stated his occupation in 1870 as auctioneer. (8) Milly Emaline Harris born 18 Apr. 1838, Van Buren Co., died 23 Jan. 1848. (9) Susan Mary Harris, 1841-1893, married Benjamin Franklin Fowler. (10) Henry R. Harris born 20 May 1843, Van Buren Co., married 3 Jan. 1867, Cass Co., Julia A. Cummins. He was a grocer in Harrisonville until sometime after 1870 when he moved to Texas.

REUBEN HARRIS SR.

Reuben Harris Sr., son of William and Sarah Harris of Henry and Patrick Cos., Va., was born ca. 1770, Buckingham Co., Va., died 16 March 1842, Jackson Co., Mo., buried in the Harris-Johnson family cemetery in the vicinity of now Lee's Summit Road and 39th St. He married first 11 Nov. 1793, Patrick Co., Va., Margaret McAlexander, daughter of William McAlexander Sr. and his first wife, born ca. 1775, Va., died at some time after 16 Sept. 1830, not known if Va. or Mo.; married second, assumedly in Mo., Elizabeth Gray, 1800-1865, buried Blue Ridge Cemetery, Washington Twp., Jackson Co., who married second, 1847, Samuel Mann.

Reuben Harris Sr. and his large family moved from Patrick Co., Va., to Jackson Co., Mo. late 1830 or 1831, he settling on the land where he died which was then S. of Independence.

The children of Reuben Sr. and Margaret (McAlexander) Harris, all born Patrick Co., Va., were: (1) Lucy Harris, ca. 1794-1852, married 29 Apr. 1819, Patrick Co., Va., Austin Boothe, ca. 1795-1870. They joined an emigrant party leaving Jackson Co., Mo. for Oregon in early 1852. In the Fall of 1852, on the old Barlow Trail near present Government Camp, Oreg., Lucy Boothe died. Many had died, hardships were increasing and it was necessary for the wagon train to keep moving, so her son Abijah Boothe remained alone to bury her and then catch up with the others. The grave was unmarked but the location shown by Abijah Boothe in 1872 to his son, who was able to identify the pioneer burial when widening of the Mount Hood Loop Highway in 1936 revealed the grave. (2) William Harris born 14 Apr. 1796, died 28 March 1847, Jackson Co., Mo., married 21 Aug. 1817, Patrick Co., Va., Rhoda Burnett, 1800-1878, both buried Blue Springs Cemetery, Blue Springs, Mo. They had 15 children whose many descendants have been holding an annual family reunion since 1921. (3) Nancy Harris born ca. 1798, married 30 Dec. 1817, Patrick Co., Va., William McAlexander, ca. 1794-1857. They lived and died in Platte Co., Mo. (4) Sarah Harris, ca. 1800-1865, married 26 Jan. 1818, Patrick Co., Va., Larkin Johnson, lived in Jackson Co., Mo., both buried in the Harris-Johnson family cemetery. (5) Fleming Harris, 1802-1855, married Nancy Walker Lyon, settled in Van Buren (Cass) Co., Mo. (6) Reuben M. Harris born Feb. 1805, married 13 June 1833, Jackson Co., Mo., Laura M. Fristoe, remained in Jackson Co. where he is buried in the Old Methodist Camp Ground Cemetery and she in the Smith Cemetery, Blue Twp. (7) Samuel Harris born 16 May 1807, died Nov. 1854, married Jane Hall, 1814-1893, lived in Jackson Co., Mo. where he is buried in the Harris-Johnson family cemetery and she in the Bridges Cemetery, Sni-a-bar Twp. (8) Mahala Harris, ca. 1810-1843, married Allen Slusher of Independence, Mo. who died 1842. Both are buried in the Smith Cemetery, Blue Twp. (9) Margaret Harris, ca. 1812-1869, married 15 July 1832, Jackson Co., Mo., Creed Taylor, moved from Jackson Co. to Platte Co., Mo. before 1850. (10) Elizabeth Harris born ca. 1814, married 30 Jan. 1832, Jackson Co., Mo., Jeptha M. Crawford, 1811-1863, remained in Jackson Co., both buried Blue Springs Cemetery, Blue Springs, Mo. (11) Alexander (Zan) Harris born 5 Jan. 1819, died 12 Feb. 1909, married 6 Sept. 1838, Jackson Co., Mo., Eliza Luttrell, 1820-1875, lived in Jackson Co. where she is buried in the Dalton, also called Luttrell, Cemetery, Blue Twp. (12) Secretary (Secky) Harris, no dates known, buried in the Harris-Johnson family cemetery.

The children of Reuben Sr. and Elizabeth (Gray) Harris, all born Jackson Co., Mo., were: (13) James Howard Jackson Harris born 15 July 1833, married first 16 Sept. 1852, Cass Co., Mo., Caroline Taylor, 1831-1884, buried Blue Ridge Cemetery, Jackson Co., Mo., married second 1886 Mrs. Margaret Ann Stepp. (14) Amanda Melvina Harris born 8 Nov. 1834, married 9 Feb. 1849, Jackson Co., Mo., Christopher Mann. (15) Joseph Harvey Harris born 11 May 1836, married 13 Aug. 1856, Jackson Co., Mo., Tabitha Silvers. (16) Amos G. Harris born 4 Aug. 1840, died 1876, married 29 Dec. 1859,

Jackson Co., Mo., Ann Eleia Bartlett. (17) Harriet Virginia (Pink) Harris born 13 Apr. 1842, a posthumous child, married 20 Nov. 1856, Jackson Co., Mo., Elson Mann.

WILLIAM HARRIS

Reuben Harris (born Va., died 1842, Jackson Co., Mo.) married Margaret McAlexander in 1793. They were of Henry and Patrick Cos., Va. They had 12 children. Reuben Harris married second Elizabeth Grey and they had 5 children.

Son of Reuben and Margaret Harris was William Harris (1796-1847), who married Rhoda Burnett in 1817. They had 15 children. In the long journey by covered wagon from Patrick Co., Va. to Mo. in 1830-1835 they endured many hardships. They were early settlers in Jackson Co., Mo. and there was much work, clearing the land and building log houses. William engaged in farming, was an industrious man, fond of hunting and fitted for pioneer life. In later years he became a preacher and the family all became members of the Baptist Church. He died at the age of 50 years, 11 months and 14 days. Rhoda (Burnett) Harris was a pioneer woman who always answered the call for a practical nurse, assisting with illnesses and childbirths. After the death of her husband she managed the farm and cultivated an herb garden which took the place of a drug store in her community. In 1840 she made the long trip back to Patrick Co., Va. to bring her father, Jeremiah Burnett, then 90 years old, back to Mo. He died 1848 at age 99.

Son of William and Rhoda Harris was Fleming Saunders Harris (1822-1885) who married Mary Jane Slaughter in 1844. They had 12 children. An uncle of Fleming S. Harris was Fleming Harris of Cass Co., Mo. who was the county seat commissioner for the sale of lots when Harrisonville was located in 1837.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Harris.

Son of Fleming S. and Mary J. Harris was Josiah William Harris (1846-1930) who married Samatha Jane Johnson in 1868. They had 10 children. Their third son, Walter Ambrose Harris (1873-1946), married Annie Lou Zachry in 1898. She was a native of Tyler, Tex. They had 6 children: Flossie Mikesell (1895-1971); Lee Harris (1905-1916); Faye Suttle; Reed Harris; Hazel Smart; Wayne A. Harris.

Garland Reed Harris, of Belton, Cass Co., Mo., married Janelle Majors. They had 2 daughters, Winelle Harris who married Jack W. Newton and has son Randy and daughter Kay Lynn Newton, and Carolyn Harris who married Gordon K. Smith and has son Stanley and daughter Angela Kay Smith.

Wayne Afton Harris, of Belton, Mo., married Marguerite (Marty) Johnson. They had 2 children, Ronald Wayne Harris who has wife Geneva and 2 daughters, Kari Louise and Brandy Sue Harris, and Donna Cheryl Harris who married Jerald Wayne Gilkeson and has sons Seth Wayne and Laith Burns Gilkeson.

F. C. HARRISON

F. C. Harrison, 1867-1942, was born in Indiana, with his family moved to Bates County, Missouri, when he was young. He attended Bolivar Academy as a young man and spent sixteen years teaching in southwest Missouri. His wife, Sarah Mataldia Brown, 1869-1939, also taught for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison moved to Oklahoma shortly after it became a state and lived near Big Cabin until 1918. In October of that year the family moved back to Missouri. They had purchased the Charley Ewers place, south of Peculiar, and lived there until their deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison had three children. Homer Harrison has made his home in Ohio since his marriage. His wife died in 1967. They had no children.

Alice attended high school in Oklahoma and taught one year of school in that state. She later went to school at Warrensburg State Teacher's College and to Kansas University. She taught for two years at Pleasant Ridge, or the Knight school, southwest of Peculiar and spent several years teaching in Ray County, Missouri. She married H. L. Harp, whom she met while teaching in Oklahoma. She and Mr. Harp, with their daughter, Greta Mae, live on what was known as the William Callaway place.

Cytha finished high school in Peculiar. She went to business college and worked in an office in Kansas City, Kansas. Her husband, Dorsey Harp, is a brother of H. L. (Jack) Harp. He has spent most of his life teaching music in the public schools of Kansas. Dorsey and Cytha Harp live on the home place. They have two sons: Eddie was a member of the first class to graduate from the new Raymore-Peculiar High School. He is now doing graduate work in geology at Montana State University. Dennis, the second son, is a sophomore at Montana State.

GLENN EGBERT HARRISON

Glenn Egbert Harrison was born Sept. 9, 1888, in Johnson County, Kansas, near 192nd and State Line on his grandfather's farm. A major portion of his life has been spent in residence in Cass County, Missouri, as were his ancestors. Harrison's maternal grandparents were William Downing and Abrigal (Campbell) Downing. The Downings were originally from Lake County, Ohio, near Cleveland. The family farm was on the shores of Lake Erie. The acreage had been a land

grant from the State of Connecticut for services rendered during the Revolution. This was part of the Connecticut Western Reserve Lands.

In 1866, the Downings traveled from Ohio to Missouri, settling near Greenwood. Downing purchased 160 acres 2½ miles west and 2½ miles south of the present town of Belton in 1868. He operated a wayside tavern on the acreage where the stage roads intersected. The tavern had 27 rooms and originally was constructed by Clayton Bane in 1850. Along with his farming interests, the tavern provided Downing with an extra source of income for several years. In 1870 the stage roads were relocated to the section lines and Downing was forced to purchase more land to have access to the county roads.

Glenn Harrison and grandson, Paul Harrison.

Glenn Harrison's paternal grandparents, John T. H. Harrison and Sarah Robbins came to Johnson County, Kansas, in 1866. Along with two brothers, Thomas and James, John settled on a section of land bordering State Line, 190th to 199th Street. John's parents, William Vance Harrison and Sarah Endicott, came to Weston, Missouri, from Harrison County, Kentucky in 1851. Both died shortly after arrival, leaving three sons and one daughter. Samuel Harrison, father of William Vance, came to Fleming County, Kentucky, in 1801. He married Elizabeth Brown. They were the parents of eleven children. Samuel came from Berkeley County, Virginia, to oversee lands his father had obtained from the Governor Dunmore of Virginia. The Harrisons of Berkeley County were one of the original patentees of Lord Fairfax grants in the Northern Neck of Virginia early in the 18th Century.

Glen Harrison's father, Egbert S. (son of John T. H.) married Sarah Eleanor Downing. They had two sons, William Downing, deceased, and Glenn E. Downing. Glenn Harrison married Myrtie L. Mosby Sept. 2, 1909, in Kansas City, Missouri. They were the parents of three children, Robert William, Chester I., and G. Eugene. Robert William died in infancy. Chester I. married Elizabeth Gore and they had one son, Paul Lee, who resides on one of Mr. Harrison's farms southwest of Belton. G. Eugene married Edith Wright and they had two children, Ronald E. and Robert L., all reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

Glenn Harrison was employed for several years by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Jefferson City, Missouri. He was co-founder of the Bellsaw Machinery Co. of Pleasant Hill, Missouri. During World War II he was employed at the Pratt and Whitney Engine Plant in Kansas City, Missouri. Since that time he has retired and lives on one of his farms at 199th and Holmes Road.

CLARENCE V. HARTZLER

Clarence V. Hartzler was born in Garden City, Missouri, September 6, 1890, to Joseph G. Hartzler, born January 15, 1857, died February 2, 1897, and Susan (Hooley) Hartzler, born March 30, 1867, died January 29, 1930. He grew up on the Issac King farm east of Harrisonville. He had two brothers and two sisters, Ora J., deceased; Marvin, deceased; Mrs. Henry (Anna) King; Mrs. Dan (Sylvia) King.

Clarence was baptized with a group of thirty, November 22, 1908 in the Clearfork stream, near Sycamore Mennonite Church by Bishop John Hartzler.

Clarence enjoyed singing. He often sang in a quartette at churches or funeral homes, where they were called to serve. He was also song leader in Sunday School at Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church.

On November 12, 1922, he married Nellie Yoder, born January 12, 1898, and began house-keeping and farming on the Issac King eighty acres. He had no tractor at this time, but used horses and mules. He milked cows, raised some hogs and chickens like most beginning farmers. He also farmed the Dr. Arthur Graves eighty acres, as well as the Issac King land, where he grew up with his widowed mother.

Clarence and Nellie had six children: J. T., born February 6, 1925; Mrs. Lester (Mary Kathryn) Yoder, born June 27, 1926, mother of two children, Doyle and Reita; Ethel, nurse, born April 12, 1929; Mrs. Maurice (Evelyn) Smith, born May 24, 1932, mother of three children, Gail, Stanley and Susan; Ester, Registered Nurse, born October 6, 1933; Mrs. Marvin (Helen) Kenagy, December 28, 1939, mother of four children, Beckey, Wayne, Brenda, and Karla.

In the 1920's Highway 2 was not surfaced, so it was a common thing for farmers to drag the roads to smooth out the ruts after wet weather. Four mules hitched to the drag, in a round trip, made a very nice road.

C. V. Hartzler and his team of four mules.

C. V., as he was usually called, rented the Sullivan two-hundred forty acres in 1935 and moved there. Here there were more acres to farm and more room for hogs. In 1945 C. V.'s moved to the Nailer farm, or Elmwood, between Gunn City and East Lynne. This was one-hundred fifty acres acquired by Nellie's father before 1888. Here C. V. built a dairy, put down a deep well and made other improvements. He took up turkey

growing and raised 2,500 a year for about 12 years.

C. V. was interested in rural school problems and served conscientiously as a member of the school boards of Lone Elm and Gunn City districts, as well as a member of the Cass County Board of Education for nine years.

On August 2, 1956, J. T. was married to Martha Reesor of Ontario, Canada and took over the farm. C. V. moved to a seventy-seven acre farm just north of Sycamore Church and J. T. farmed this, also. They now have a seven thousand bird laying house. J. T. and Martha are the parents of four children: John, born June 13, 1957; Charles, born January 14, 1959; Harold, born March 20, 1962; Marilyn, born April 7, 1965.

C. V. passed away April 2, 1957, after a five day illness with a heart condition, at the age of sixty years.

Nellie married Frank Roth, December 15, 1962 and is living on the Frank Roth farm on Highway 2 east of Harrisonville.

IRA HARTZLER

Ira Hartzler, well known and successful auctioneer in Cass County for forty years (1912-1952), was born October 19, 1880, son of John J. and Magdelene (Mast) Hartzler. The Hartzlers were natives of Pennsylvania, who resided several years in St. Joseph County, Michigan until moving here in the spring as minister and bishop of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church (1894-1914) with oversight responsibility over several other churches in other states.

Their family was composed of Samuel, a male nurse who died as a young man; Sarah, who cared for her family until her passing in 1936; Chauncey A., farmer and minister of Tirkilwa, Ill.; Mary King, wife of Menno King; Ira; Anna, wife of Wm. Eigsti of Ill.; Joseph D., farmer and minister of Flanagan, Ill.; and Levi J., who farmed in younger years and was a mortician in Goshen, Ind. All are deceased except Mrs. Anna Eigsti.

Ira received his education at the Clearfork School and Missouri Auction School of Kansas City, Mo.

Martha was born Dec. 3, 1879, eldest daughter of Christian D. and Elizabeth (Gerber) Yoder near East Lynne, Mo. C. D. was a well known and highly respected farmer and stockman of that community. He was a son of the Reuben Yoder family who settled in Cass County in 1867. Children of the C. D. Yoders were Edward, Benjamin J., Martha, Mrs. Fred (Dara) Middlesworth of Oreg., and Mrs. Harry (Maude) Musselman. All of their family are deceased.

Martha was married to Ira Hartzler Jan. 1, 1905 and they started housekeeping on a farm near East Lynne, Mo. and resided there for fifty-five years. The last eleven years of their married life they resided in Garden City, having the privilege of sixty-six years together.

The Hartzlers were members of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. Ira served many years as school director and was always interested in community betterment. They were the parents of Mrs. Floyd (Bernice) Schrock, Mrs. Wilbur (Iona) Schrock and Mrs. Ralph (Vera) Rushly, all of Garden City. There are seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Ira died in September 1973; his wife in November, 1971.

THE HARWOOD FAMILY

Nancy Hodges Harwood and James Madison Harwood came to Missouri in 1883 from Eastern Tennessee and settled in Cass County near Harrisonville. They had two little daughters with them, Corna Harwood Washington and Ella Harwood Taylor.

Mr. Harwood was a farmer and in 1885 bought a farm one mile south of Raymore. At this farm home, eight more children were born, Roy, Bertha, Ollie, Clyde, Leta, Rena, Will and Sally.

The family soon affiliated with the Methodist Church in Raymore, furnishing enough children to represent each class in Sunday School. Raymore at this time was a flourishing little village with four passenger trains daily, as well as many freight carrying trains. Many carloads of wheat, corn and livestock were shipped out of this station. Mr. Harwood was a big shipper of corn, wheat and livestock.

Raymore, at this time, had a lumber yard, two grocery stores, two blacksmith shops, a millinery shop, a drug store, a drygoods store, post office, Woodman hall, Masonic hall, an ice cream parlor, two hardware stores, four churches and boasted one doctor. A one-room school house had been established which was later enlarged to three rooms.

The Jim Harwood Family in 1925.

In 1898, the Harwood family moved into Raymore, having bought the house that is located at Madison and Olive streets. Here, three more children were born, Jamie, who died in infancy, Hodge Harwood and Nannie. In 1903, Mr. Harwood bought twelve acres just north of Raymore and built a nine-room house and a barn. The house still stands, a very grand landmark in the community. It holds many memories of a very happy family of fourteen, always with many friends and playmates coming and going. Mr. Harwood was farming more extensively. At one time, he was producing wheat from six hundred acres of land. Also, he bought and sold mules, annually shipping out six or eight carloads of mules to the Kansas City market.

In the early 1900's a new school house was built with provisions for three years of high school, together with the eight grades of elementary.

Mr. Harwood and his son, Clyde, hauled brick and masonry materials to build the school.

In World War I, two sons, Clyde and Will, entered the service. Clyde was a victim of the flu epidemic and did not get overseas. Will was in active service in France for eighteen months. Later, in World War II, another son, Hodge, was in the service for many months. Five of the Harwood daughters were school teachers, one a legal secretary, and two were music teachers of the piano. One son was a skilled auto mechanic, three sons were successful farmers for several years. Later, Will Harwood owned and operated a feed and coal supply store in Raymore during the 1940's and Hodge owned and operated the drug and sundry store for thirty-five years in the brick buildings, which he owned and which still stand on Washington Street.

Mr. Harwood passed away in 1934 and Mrs. Harwood in 1938, having lived a most fulfilling wedded life of fifty-six years. Eight of their children have passed away since their demise. There are now three sisters living out of a family of thirteen children. Mrs. Rena Harwood Kite lives in Raymore, the only Harwood still a resident here. Joe Harwood Lasley, son of Leta Harwood Lasley and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, lives on his farm east of Raymore.

While there are no male descendants with the Harwood name, there are seven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren living as descendants of this pioneer couple, James and Nancy Harwood.

THOMAS NATHAN HAYNES

Thomas Nathan Haynes, born in 1857 in Polk Township, Cass County, Mo., was the youngest son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Howard) Haynes, natives of Surrey County, North Carolina. The Haynes family was founded in North Carolina during Colonial days — their home previously having been in Pennsylvania. The Howards went from Maryland to North Carolina. Mrs. Haynes was Lucy Lee Brierly, daughter of Henry Ambrose and Lucretia Perry (Bridges) Brierly. Henry Brierly came from Roscrea, County Tipperary, Ireland in 1846. Lucretia Perry Bridges was a daughter of James Bridges, born June 17, 1793 and Lucy Lowery, born November 28, 1793. Tom and Lucy were married June 22, 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Haynes had two daughters — Lucretia (Mrs. Erle Whitney) of Rockford, Illinois and Mary B. (Mrs. Ernest Runnenburger) of Harrisonville, Mo. Dr. and Mrs. Erle Whitney had three children — Lucretia Elizabeth, Thomas Nathan and David Emerson. Lucretia Elizabeth married Gordon Malm and they have one daughter, Larinda. Thomas has two children, Haynes and Debra. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Runnenburger had three children — Sabra, Frank Ernest III and Carolyn. Sabra married Wm. Worth Peak June 3, 1949. They had one son, Michael Worth Peak, born February 24, 1950. She died December 9, 1952 of polio in the Philippine Islands while William was serving in the Air Corps. Her son, Mike has made his home with his grandparents in Harrisonville. F. E. III married Carole Ann Parslow and they have two children Stephen Lee and Beth Ann. Carolyn married Dr. James A. Hasek and they have five children — David Carlton, Charles Nathan, Laura Jane, Sarah Beth and Brian Scott.

Mrs. Haynes' grandfather, James Bridges, was one of six children of John Bridges, whose will is filed in Mercer County, Kentucky in 1837. John Bridges served under General Washington. Lucy Lowery's mother was a Perry, cousin of Oliver Howard Perry.

Mr. Haynes was admitted to the bar in 1885 and was elected clerk of the Circuit Court, serving until Jan. 1, 1895. He then began the practice of law in Harrisonville and in 1912 was elected prosecuting attorney of Cass County in 1914 serving until 1917, when he resumed his private practice.

Thomas N. died in 1937 and his wife, Lucy Lee passed away in 1950. Both are buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville.

AUBRY PEYTON HAYS

Aubry Peyton Hays, of Fortuna, Mo., came to Raymore in response to an advertisement by barber, Arthur E. Turner. "A. P." had his own small shop in Grain Valley, Mo. but Turner had a two-chair shop which meant greater opportunity at $5.00 a week. Although A. P. received many good offers to work in Kansas City, he fell in love with the Raymore community and refused to leave it, preferring the advantages of Raymore to those of any other community. Hays barbered in Raymore for thirty-five years, retiring one year before his death in 1962. He was well known throughout the county for his fair prices and short haircuts. He firmly believed that any family that had little boys in it could not afford the twenty-five cents for a haircut, so he made up for it by cutting their hair as short as possible. At Mr. Turner's death, Hays became the sole proprietor of the shop which was located first at 204 Washington and later at 106 West Olive.

In 1926, A. P. married Madge C. Hutchison, of Latham, Mo., an elementary teacher then in her second year at State Teachers College, Warrensburg. The young couple were the only outsiders residing in the town, which was composed of the descendants of eight families who had intermarried. The new bride created a bit of a stir when she arrived with her dresses way above her knees and wearing her hair like a boy, shingled in back, but short over her ears and sideburns in front of each ear. She also did not know how to cook, for she had boarded away from home since she was thirteen in order to go to high school and college. Their first home was in furnished rooms over the telephone office and later they had rooms with the Eph Barrs. It was here their daughter, Charlene was born. The family was living in the former Mennonite church building when their second daughter, Yosene, was born.

A. P., coming from three generations of Baptist ministers became very active in the Raymore Methodist Church, serving as trustee for many years. He was active in Democratic politics, serving as Township committeeman for twenty-five years. During the war years he was in charge of the ration program in the Raymore community. He also served on many Relief committees and on an early Raymore Library Board.

Mr. Hays served 20 years as a member of the Raymore Board of Education and of the Raymore-Peculiar Reorganized School District. He was one of the prime movers in the

reorganization. A. P. served several terms as president of the Raymore board. Early records of the City of Raymore show that he consistently refused to serve as Mayor but did serve several terms as Alderman. He was a member of the early volunteer fire department. For fifteen years, A. P. was co-manager of the local town baseball team, which was very active during the thirties and early forties and was well known in the Kansas City area for its courtesy and competition.

Raising registered Angus cattle and prize winning roses were A. P.'s hobbies.

Madge (Hutchison) Hays, equally active, became teacher of the new Pro & Con Young Marrieds Class, which she taught for 20 years. She served as president of the P.T.A. and in 1936 became Postmaster of Raymore.

When the Post Office building, then located on Short Street, was torn down, the front room of the Hays home became the Post Office. In addition, Madge acted as volunteer librarian. One corner of the room housing the Post Office had book shelves and children and adults would check out and read books on the steps while they were waiting for the mail to arrive and be put up. At one time the office served as a Greyhound bus stop and Postmaster Hays acted as ticket agent. Madge's daughter, Charlene, first started working in the Post Office when she was twelve, keeping it for two days by herself while the family attended the funeral of A. P.'s father.

A charter member of the Raymore Garden Club and the Raymore Betterment Association, Postmaster Hays received the Postmaster of the year award for Missouri in 1967 and in 1970 she was a Merit Mother of Missouri. In 1964 she took a trip around the world with most of the time spent in the Middle East and Oriental countries.

Charlene (Hays) Hubach and her family still live in Raymore. Charlene is one of the few residents of the city who is actually a native. Many other long time families have been township residents but not of the city itself.

Yosene (Hays) Hammond and her husband, Dan E. Hammond, live in Tightwad, Missouri. Yosene is a real estate broker and tax collector for her township. She and Dan are owners of the Golden Valley Hardware Store in Clinton, Mo. They are the parents of four children, Dannye Dale, Chris Irwin, Barre Hays and Sydnee Yosene. Dannye Dale is in the U.S. Army.

CLAUDE HEADEN, SR.

Claude Headen, the son of Samuel and Frances (Farmer) Headen, was born September 17, 1872 in Freeman, Missouri. He was married January 16, 1901 in Roswell, New Mexico to Lulu May Cooley, the daughter of James Durrit and Laura (Dawson) Cooley. She was born Sept. 25, 1879 in Pleasant Hill and died Nov. 20, 1956.

Mr. Headen began working in the J. C. Jones Lumber Co., at the age of 17 and within a few years he became the manager, a position he held for 50 years. At his death his wife took over the management of the lumber yard. He was a director in the Pleasant Hill Bank, and when he died July 24, 1944, was the treasurer for the city of Pleasant Hill.

The John Samuel Headen Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Headen had two children: Laura Frances, born Nov. 24, 1901, and Claude, Jr. born January 27, 1914.

Laura Frances Headen was married Dec. 27, 1926 to Fleming Woods Pendleton, born August 31, 1892, at Independence, Missouri. They have one daughter, Laura Frances, born July 19, 1931, who married John Huiskamp Alexander on Nov. 6, 1954. They have two children: Laura Frances, born June 4, 1956 and Julian Don, born August 31, 1958.

On July 30, 1938, Claude Headen, Jr. was married to Hester J. Bennet, born May 2, 1916. They have two children: Claudia Ann, born Dec. 21, 1941 and David Graham, born Sept. 27, 1946.

On June 6, 1964, Claudia Ann was married to R. Gary Jarvis. They have two children: Marley Caroline, born August 30, 1966 and Robert B. Jarvis, born February 1, 1969.

On April 22, 1967, David Headen was married to Sondra Jeane Stanford, born Nov. 6, 1944. They have two children: Timothy Graham, born February 21, 1969 and Shayna Jeanette, born Oct. 20, 1972.

J. D. Cooley, father of Lulu Cooley Headen, was the son of Wm. D. and Parthena (Cox) Cooley and was born in Jackson County, Mo., May 19, 1845. On Oct. 7, 1874 he married Laura Dawson, born in Carthage, Mo., January 18, 1854 to A. M. and Mary (Hocker) Dawson, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Cooley owned and operated a grocery store, and livery stable in Pleasant Hill for many years. In 1900, with their eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Cooley left Pleasant Hill to take up cattle ranching in Eastern New Mexico. Mr. Cooley died in 1921 and Mrs. Cooley in 1930. Their eldest daughter, Lulu, a teacher in Roswell, returned to Pleasant Hill after her marriage to Claude Headen.

Joseph Vernon Headen, born Aug. 16, 1817, Loudoun Co., Va., the son of Joseph and Sarah (Booth) Headen was married to Eliza Toombs of Kentucky. Their son, John Samuel Headen, born July 19, 1844 in Shelbyville, Kentucky, was married Feb. 12, 1868 to Frances Margaret Farmer, born March 8, 1847 in Story's Hall, Pleasant Hill, to Jeremiah and Eliza (Bailey) Farmer. Mrs. Headen died April 18, 1927 in Springfield, Mo. and Mr. Headen June 4, 1932 in Purcel, Oklahoma. Mr. Headen was a barber.

Jeremiah Farmer, father of Frances Farmer Headen and the son of John Farmer and Abigail Read, was born March 26, 1810 in Anderson Co., Tenn. and died Oct. 27, 1881. He was married Jan. 1, 1833 in Knox Co., Tenn. to Eliza Bailey, born Jan. 6, 1813 to James and Mary (Rector) Bailey. John Farmer was the son of Henry and Sarah (Echols) Farmer and the grandson of Henry and Agnes (Burton) Farmer.

In June, 1837, Jeremiah Farmer brought his family to Cass Co. He was a prominent Baptist preacher, instrumental in organizing the Baptist Church in Pleasant Hill in 1867. For 30 years he supplied four churches, each once per month. The distance between the churches was often 30 to 40 miles. The country was new, the congregations poor, and most of the labor was performed without compensation, and Rev. Farmer, in order to support his family, also became a banker and a lumberman.

His youngest daughter wrote the following about her father:

"My first recollection was when he came home from his long trips in the winter with icicles frozen to his whiskers, and his bearskin overshoes, with hair inside, covered with mud, as were his leggins, made of yards of flannel wrapped and fastened with pins."

GEORGE KONRAD HEID

In May of 1870 two Heid brothers left their home in Mauer, Germany, near Heidelberg, for the United States of America. They were George Konrad (4 Apr. 1845-26 Dec. 1928) and Johann George Kasper (24 Dec. 1849-). Konrad, the older, at the age of 14, began the trade of cabinetmaker. He worked in this business until he was 26 years old. Konrad and his brother saved their money for the trip to America. They sailed from Braman, Germany to Hoboken, N.Y., took a train to St. Louis where they worked in a garden for a month, then came to Pleasant Hill, Mo. as they had friends living here. Later, they were joined by a brother, Johann George (21 Mar. 1858-). George and John migrated farther west to the state of Washington where they resided until their death. Konrad remained in Cass County. He lived in the Eight Mile community for eight years and then purchased a farm in the Plum Grove community, south of Pleasant Hill. Upon retirement, he moved into Pleasant Hill where he lived until his death.

In the Plum Grove community were many Germans who had settled there. They all spoke the German language in their homes and "get-togethers", but could also speak and understand English.

Konrad Heid married Nancy Ewalt (Specht, Kagarice — twice married before with three sons, Joe Specht, William and John Kagarice.) Mr. Heid helped to raise her sons. Konrad and Nancy (11 Sept. 1839-9 Feb. 1906) were married 8 June 1878 and had three children: George Otis (20 Dec. 1879-5 Jan. 1956); Conrad (18 Feb. 1881-3 Mar. 1967) and Susan Elizabeth (28 May 1882-30 Aug. 1956).

George Otis Heid married Lydia Ann Lindsay (2 Sept. 1877-20 May 1945) on Nov. 21, 1900 at Harrisonville, Missouri. She was the daughter of William Lindsay (2 Apr. 1831-31 Jan. 1913) and Rachael Ann Williams (13 Apr. 1855-21 June 1939) who lived on a farm a few miles north of Harrisonville. William Lindsay had come from Ireland to the United States. George farmed his father's farm for several years and then purchased a farm two miles north, still in the Plum Grove community. They resided here until Lydia's death.

George and Lydia were members of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. He belonged to the C.P.A. Lodge. They had two children, Buelah Elizabeth (28 Aug. 1902-23 June 1922) and Walter George (15 Jan. 1908-19 June 1972). Buelah passed away at the age of eighteen. Walter attended Plum Grove school where he had excellent teachers, Miss Nancy Cox and Mrs. Fred Seavers.

George Heid farmed at a time when many horses and mules were used. He was among the first in the community to purchase a tractor and a car, thus was considered a progressive farmer, as was his son, Walter, who farmed with his Dad for several years.

Walter George Heid married Alice Elizabeth Lewis (27 Jan. 1909-) on June 25, 1931 at the home of her parents near Harrisonville. Her parents were James Linton Lewis (8 June 1871-26 Jan. 1956) and Anna Dell Frazier 19 Aug. 1880-5 Oct. 1952). Alice was born in Meridian, Idaho where her parents were living. They moved to Cambridge, Idaho in 1910 and to Missouri in 1919. Farm life in Idaho was different from that in Missouri. Every farmer had to irrigate his crops, which was all done by hand. Little ditches carried the water to each field and gates turned the water from one field to another.

There was a hot springs near the home of Linton Lewis and he took his hogs there to scald at butchering time, as others did, also.

In 1919 Linton and Anna Lewis sold their farm in preparation for the move to Missouri to make their home. The Lewis family arrived in Harrisonville on Oct. 11, 1919. There were two little girls, Alice, as mentioned before, and Emma Jean (13 Mar. 1907-31 Aug. 1928), who passed away from pneumonia menengitis, contracted while she was in College at Warrensburg. Alice and her sister took teachers training in high school so were able to teach in rural schools immediately after graduation. Alice taught the Rock Ford school in 1926-27 and at Bills school in 1927-29. The girls attended high school by driving old "Nellie" to a buggy. They each had many interests and activities.

Walter and Alice Lewis Heid were the parents of two sons, Walter George, Jr. and Konrad Lewis. (See sketch on Walter G. Heid Family)

WALTER G. HEID

Walter George Heid, Sr. was born near Pleasant Hill on January 25, 1908, his parents being George Otis and Lydia Lindsay Heid. Early in life he became a dairy farmer and followed this occupation for 40 years.

On June 25, 1931 he married Alice Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of James Linton and Anna Frazier Lewis. (See George Konrad Heid) Alice was born January 27, 1909 near Meridian, Idaho. She was a teacher, having taught at Rockford and Bills Rural Schools, Olathe, Kansas Elementary School and later mathematics at the Grandview Junior High. She received her B.S. in Education and did graduate work at C.M.S.T.C.

The Heids lived in the Plum Grove Community until 1942 when they moved to Riverview Farm, 3 miles west of Harrisonville. They received the Balanced Farming County and District Awards in 1956.

They were members of the United Methodist Church. Both served on the Board and Walter served as chairman of the

Trustees for seven years. Alice served as president and treasurer of the United Methodist Women.

They were interested in Community Activities. Walter was a 4-H Leader eleven years, on the Board and Vice President of the Cass County Farm Bureau, on the Extension Advisory Council, the first Honorary member of the F.F.A., on the M.U. Agricultural Advisory Board, and member of the Lions Club, serving both locally and in district work.

Alice was a 4-H Leader thirteen years, Secretary of the County Extension Board, President and Treasurer of the Cass County Extension Homemakers, Treasurer Cass County Hospital Auxiliary, on M.U. Advisory Board, charter member of Cassco Garden Club, serving in local, district, and state capacities, member of Mary Sibley D.A.R., Cass County Historical Society, Lioness Club, Arts and Crafts Club, and Progress Club of Harrisonville.

The Heids sold their farm in 1965 and moved into Harrisonville. Walter became a realtor until his death on June 19, 1972. He is buried in the Orient Cemetery.

Alice sold her home in 1974 and moved to the John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Mo. Here, again, she is active in many Village activities. Her main interest is genealogy. She has compiled family histories for each of her immediate family and interested relatives.

The Heids have two sons. Walter George Heid, Jr. was born near Pleasant Hill on August 2, 1932. He spent four years in the Air Force before returning to Missouri University where he received his B.S. in Agriculture in 1959 and his Master's Degree in 1960. He received his Ph.D. from Maryland University in 1965. He is a Grain Marketing Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture having been in Washington, D.C. for seven years, at Montana State University at Bozeman for eight years, and now is with the U.S.D.A. at the U.S. Grain Marketing Research Center at Manhattan, Kansas.

Walter, Jr. married Barbara Ann Hess (born Feb. 20, 1939), daughter of Joseph and Dorothy George Hess of Butler, Mo. on July 14, 1957. They have three children: LeiAnn, born March 15, 1960 at Columbia, Mo.; Elizabeth Jane, born March 24, 1962 at Washington, D.C.; and George Lewis, born May 3, 1964 at Washington, D.C.

Konrad Lewis Heid was born November 18, 1935 near Pleasant Hill. He received his B.S. in Agriculture in 1957 and did graduate work at Missouri University. He received his graduate Degree in Banking from the University of Wisconsin in 1971. He was Agricultural Advisor in Extension Work in Sullivan, Adair, Calloway, and Mercer Counties before entering the banking business in Princeton, Mo. He is at present a Vice President for Bank Administration with the Commerce Bancshares, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo.

Konrad married Barbara Ann Taylor (born Nov. 2, 1936), daughter of Wiley and Faye Thrasher Taylor of Milan, Mo. on June 16, 1957. Barbara received her B.S. in Education from N.E.Mo.U. in 1959. They have four children: Kathy Lynne, born April 24, 1958 at Kirksville; Brent Alen, born Sept. 6, 1959 at Harrisonville; Kelly Lane, born Dec. 2, 1961 at Fulton, and Blake Aaron, born Dec. 20, 1962 at Princeton.

HENRY HEITZ

Henry Heitz was born in Ruti, Switzerland July 25, 1864. His parents were John Melchior Heitz, born in 1837 in Ruti, died August 4, 1901 at Leigh, Nebraska, and Katherina Hefti Heitz, born 1840 in Adlenbak, Switzerland, died March 11, 1913 at Leigh, Nebraska. The family came to America in 1870 and lived in Wisconsin one year before settling on a homestead three miles east of Leigh, Nebraska in May of 1871. On July 9, 1896 Henry Hietz was united in marriage with Susan Luchsinger of Columbus, Nebraska. She was born in Schwanden, Switzerland December 23, 1870, the daughter of Franz Luchsinger, born May 29, 1845 at Schwanden, died in Columbus, Nebraska February 20, 1918 and Katharine Luchsinger who was born December 25, 1846 in Schwanden and died September 29, 1920 at Columbus.

Henry Heitz helped his father break the sod with oxen which were used extensively by the early homesteaders and they experienced the many hardships common to pioneers on the Nebraska plains. Henry Heitz died August 29, 1939 and his wife, Susan January 11, 1949. The Heitz family lived at Leigh, Nebraska until March 4, 1910 when they moved to East Lynne, Missouri. Henry and Susan were the parents of seven children of whom four died in infancy. Frank B. Heitz, born June 1, 1900, died in February of 1939. The parents and five children are buried in Orient Cemetery east of Harrisonville, Missouri.

A son, John Henry Heitz, was born April 14, 1898 in Leigh, Nebraska. After his father's death, the farm was sold and he worked in the Wingardner store and the Zook Elevator at East Lynne, later moving to Harrisonville. He has been a Mason since 1920.

A daughter, Katherine Susan Heitz, was born at Leigh, Nebraska May 11, 1899. On September 25, 1921 she was united in marriage with Gene George, born June 21, 1899, son of Thomas J. and Margaret Taliaferro George, of Gunn City, Missouri. They lived near East Lynne until 1963 when they retired in Harrisonville. Gene loved the farm and continued looking after the land and his Hereford cattle and horses.

Their daughter, Wanda Jean, was born January 24, 1925 near Harrisonville. She attended Pleasant Ridge rural school and the High Schools of Harrisonville, Garden City and Pleasant Hill from which she was graduated in 1942. She attended the University of Missouri 1943-1945 and on June 22, 1946 married Forrest S. McCue, son of Walter and Cora McCue, of East Lynne, Missouri. They lived in Kansas City, Missouri until December of 1960 when they moved to Norwalk, California. They have four sons, all born in Kansas City. They are Walter Gene McCue, born January 14, 1949, who married Lesli Crawford, born July 2, 1949 at South Gate, California, on November 23, 1968; Larry Don McCue, born March 28, 1950, who married Joyce Payne, born February 9, 1953 at Lynwood, California, on January 29, 1972; George Michael McCue, born May 12, 1951 and Steven Forrest McCue, born June 22, 1955.

Katherine Heitz George received her 50 year pin in the Order of Eastern Star in 1971 and is a charter member of the local Chapter. She is a charter member of the Pleasant Valley Homemakers Extension Club (1929), a member of the Willing Workers Extension Club of East Lynne and a charter member of the Elco Garden Club. She is also a member of the Harrisonville young Matrons Extension Club and the Progress Club.

Gene and Katherine Heitz George live at 800 Thunderbird Drive, Harrisonville. They enjoy traveling and the society of their many friends.

BARTLES HENDERSON

Bartles Henderson was born July 11, 1894 in Caney, Kansas being the son of John Andrew Henderson and Clara (Estes) Henderson. He spent the early years of his life there before moving to Kansas City, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War I and saw overseas duty. After being discharged from the Navy he went to work at the Ford Motor Company assembly plant in Kansas City where he reached the position of foreman before he resigned to buy the Ford Dealership in Garden City, Missouri.

In 1925 he and Miss Teresa Mangan were married. She died in March, 1962.

In 1930 Henderson moved to Harrisonville where he purchased the local Ford Dealership and he became one of the district's outstanding dealers. Henderson operated the Henderson Motor Company under a sole ownership for many years. In May, 1952 he employed a young Ford Motor Company employee in his business. He was O. Marvin Burris who was taken in as a partner a year later. On Jan. 1, 1961, Henderson sold his interest to Burris. However, he and Burris continued to buy and sell real estate together including the subdivision of a large tract of land owned by Henderson in northeast Harrisonville. The operation was conducted under the name of Thunderbird Investment Company with Burris as president, Henderson as vice-president and William E. Fowler as secretary and treasurer. He became one of Cass County's substantial citizens and being childless, he devoted a lot of his time and money to helping others, for the most part anonymously. For years he had a standing order at local restaurants to feed the less fortunate at Christmas and Thanksgiving. He also headed many drives to obtain money for people needing hospitalization or treatment. Usually he furnished the major portion of the money raised. He had many individual charitable projects and frequently the recipient never knew where the help came from.

He loved to work with livestock and shipped thousands of pounds of beef and pork to market from his several farms. He was also widely known for his work with homeless cats and dogs. He fed, housed and hospitalized untold numbers of dogs and cats through the years and found homes for hundreds. Only 7 hours before his death he was formulating plans to try to improve on a new Harrisonville City Ordinance which he felt would be harmful to dogs which he loved so well.

He was a lifelong Democrat and took an active interest in city, county, state and national politics.

In March, 1963 Henderson and Mrs. Lucille Famuliner were married. She being the daughter of Joseph Cyrus Lapsley and Elizabeth (Stair) Lapsley.

Bart was raised in the Methodist Church, and he regularly financially supported his and other churches in which he and his wife were interested.

His death occurred March 25, 1967. Funeral services were March 27, 1967 in the Methodist Church and burial was made in Harrisonville East Cemetery. His wife resides in Harrisonville, Missouri.

SAMUEL D. HELMUTH

Sam Helmuth, son of John F. and Catherine (Oesch) Helmuth, born in 1872, moved with his parents in a covered wagon from Hickory to Cass County, Missouri, when he was eleven years of age. He lived the remainder of his life in this vicinity. In the year 1899 Sam married Nova Belle Kauffman, establishing a home in Garden City where he operated a livery stable. To this union were born three sons — Rollie, Carroll and a third son who died in infancy. In 1902 the family moved to a farm south of Garden City. After Nova's death in 1905, Sam married Della (Mast) Yoder, a widow with a daughter, Florence, by a former marriage. To this union were born four children — Glen, Dorothy, Zola and Samuel Donald. After farming many years, Sam and Della moved to Harrisonville where Sam passed away at the age of 77 in the year 1949. Della then moved to Houston, Texas where she departed this life at the age of 91 in the year 1969.

Florence, the oldest of the children married Daniel Kropf in the year 1917, establishing a home near Garden City. Three sons were born to this union, namely, John Douglas (J. D.), Jack Monroe and Morris Lee. J. D. married Doris Burk of Butler, Missouri where they made their home. Their children are Jerry, Joe and Sherrie. Jack married Margie Mudd of Harrisonville where they established their home. Their children are Karen, Kirby, Kelly and Kevin. Morris married Joyce Cooke of California. They reside at La Mesa, California. Their daughters are Cindy, Cathy and Carol.

Rollie, the oldest son, married Georgia Burden of Holden, Missouri, in 1923. They established their home in Cass County living most of their years on a farm near East Lynne. After Rollie's death in 1966, Georgia moved to Harrisonville, Missouri.

Carroll married Thelma Edmonds in 1929, establishing their home on a farm near Garden City. To this union a daughter, Nova Jean, was born. She married Gene Brown of Nevada, Missouri. Their children are Curtis Wayne and Pamela Jean. Their residence is in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Carroll and Thelma moved to Harrisonville in 1971 where Thelma departed this life in 1975.

In 1935 Glen married Jewell (Brown) Heath, a widow with a daughter Shirley of a former marriage. They resided in Louisiana. To this union two children were born, Cathy and Larry. After Glen's death in 1947, the family moved to California.

Dorothy married Saron Hendershot in 1929, establishing their home on a farm near Garden City. Their four children

are Evadell, Saron Dale (deceased), Dorothy Kay (Kay) and Douglas Lee. In 1957 the family moved to Houston, Texas. Evadell married William Clyde Murdock II of Houston. Their two sons are William Clyde III (Bill) and Samuel Dale (Sam). Kay was married to Frederic Lunsford of Rusk, Texas, establishing their home in Pasadena, Texas. Their two children are John Frederic and Laura Kay.

Zola married Henry Clay Daniel III in 1932. They made their home in Harrisonville, later moving to Texas. Their home is now in Houston. To this union two children, Robert Brown and Janet Sue, were born. Robert married Carol Mason of Houston and they have a son, Robert Mace. Janet married Alfred Crossman of Houston. They have a daughter, Candyce, and a son, Daniel.

Donald married Ethel Halcomb in 1940, establishing their home in Palestine, Texas; later moving to Houston, Texas and finally to Bentonville, Arkansas. To this union a daughter, Donita Carlene, was born. She married Charles Hubbard of Houston. They have twin sons, Charles Wilson and Charles Winston. Their home is Fayetteville, Arkansas.

THE HENDERSON FAMILY

The Henderson Family came to Cass Co. in 1907 when Henry Clay Henderson of Nodaway Co. purchased a 280 acre farm south of Belton, in Mt. Pleasant Twp. Henry was a successful stockman and farmer until his death, December, 1929 at his home in Belton where he was overcome by gas fumes. Henry was born February 21, 1853, Morgan Co., Ill., son of Silas and Sarah (Gorham) Henderson, a prosperous family. Silas was born 1811, Hampshire Co., West Virginia to David E. and Elizabeth (Gano) Henderson. David E. was born 1770, Bethlehem Twp., Hunterdon Co., N.J. to Edward and Rachel Henderson. Edward was born 1735 by tradition either of Scotch or Scotch-Irish ancestry and died 1819, Bethlehem Twp., Hunterdon Co., N.J.

Henry Clay had three brothers, Francis Marion of Morgan Co., Ill., Stephen G. of Hopkins, Mo. and a half brother, Allen Harrison of Alamogordo, N.M., the son of Caroline Furrer. He had five sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Adaline Alderson of Chapin, Ill., Mrs. Lucretia Rentschler of Concord, Ill., Mrs. Mary Emma Savill, Redding, Ia., Mrs. Lucinda Ellen Brown and Mrs. Phoebe Marion Craig of Kansas City, Mo. January 25, 1893, Henry Clay married Gertrude Lawrence Blair, daughter of James Harrison and Rebecca (Reed) Blair of Belton. Mrs. Henderson was seriously affected by the same fumes that took the life of her husband in 1929, and after exhaustive efforts by her two sons to take care of her, was commited to the state hospital at Nevada in 1931. She died there January 16, 1950. Henry and Gertrude had two sons. Charles Franklin, March 5, 1895 and Carl Blair, October 10, 1898, both born Hopkins Twp., Nodaway Co., Mo. They attended Fairview School of Hopkins Twp. Swampy School in Mt. Pleasant Twp. and Belton Schools. Carl graduated Belton H.S. 1917. Charles F. married Luella Estella Conard daughter of Ross Herbert and Lily (Feeback) Conard, Bates Co., September 28, 1919. Charles passed on October 21, 1963 and Luella preceded him in death on October 31, 1962, Belton, Mo. To this union three children were born, Charles Wendell (Chuck), October 8, 1920, Hester Maxine, January 30, 1922 and Mary Lou, July 9, 1932. Charles W. entered the V-12 Program at the University of Mo. during WW II and became a pilot in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of Lt. Commander. He married Gloria Mae Morris, October 1948 in Norfolk, Va. They had one daughter, Karla Lynn, December 19, 1954. Karla married Charles Ford, January 10, 1976, Grand Prairie, Texas. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, "Chuck" married Mae Beth (Deviney Newman) April 20, 1973 in Clay Co., Mo. They make their home in Grand Prairie, Tex. Hester "Maxine" graduated from University of Mo. in 1942. She married William R. Moore of Spartanburg, S.C., September 12, 1944. Maxine is a science teacher in the Spartanburg High School. They have two daughters, Mary Jacquelin, Sept. 6, 1951 and Barbee Jane, Sept. 23, 1953. Maryjac married Gerald Adams, Sept. 1973 and they reside in Columbia, S.C. "Mary" Lou married Billy Gene Barker, son of Perry B. and Florence (Snyder) Barker, June 26, 1951 at Belton. They have 2 sons, Paul Steven, June 3, 1953, Columbia, Mo. and Matthew Wade, August 21, 1960, Kansas City, Mo. Bill and Mary reside at 1231 N.E. 81st Terr., Kansas City, Mo. Bill a graduate of M.U. is employed by TWA and Mary by Metropolitan Savings & Loan. Paul attended Manhattan Christian College one year and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. April 23, 1973 he married Evelyn Marie Ford, daughter of Virgle and Elsie Ford at Arlington, Va. Paul is a cartographer and they are stationed in Hawaii. They have a son David Perry, November 11, 1974.

Carl B. married Helen Louise Becker, April 13, 1924, daughter of Calvin and Anna Snyder (App) Becker of Archie, Mo. Carl died, August 19, 1973, Belton, Mo. They had three children, Donald Eugene who died at birth October 27, 1925, Robert Carl, July 28, 1929 and John Marvin, February 18, 1934. Robert graduated Belton H.S. 1947 and attended Park College. He married Betty Nicholas June 20, 1950, the daughter of Willis J. and Bess Nicholas, St. Joseph, Mo. "Bob" was called to active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves during the Korean War and was twice wounded. He is employed as a mechanic by TWA and makes his home in Clinton Co. Bob and Betty have three children. David Patrick, March 16, 1952, Hastings, Neb., Ruth Anne June 15, 1954 and Sharon Elaine, February 3, 1957, in Kansas City. David graduated from Univ. Mo. 1974 as an electrical engineer and works for the Government in the field of Communications. He plans to marry Donna Hughes, daughter of William and Roberta Hughes of Clinton Co., June 1976 and make their home in Belton. Ruth Ann graduates from Central Methodist College, Fayette in 1976 and plans to attend law school at M.U. Columbia. Sharon is attending Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

John Marvin graduated Belton H.S. 1952 and after serving two years with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, completed his B.S. and M.S. in Education at Central Missouri State University. He married June 8, 1957, Terrill Anne White, daughter of Arthur and Nellie Mae (Moreland) White of Emden, Shelby Co., Mo. John and Terri are both teachers in the Independence, Mo. public schools and members of the 1st United Methodist Church. John serves as Social Studies Department Chairman and Terri as Reading Specialist. They make their home at 4312 Cromwell Dr., Independence. They have one son, Mark Alan, born August 19, 1958, Warrensburg, Mo.

FIELDING B. HENLEY

Fielding Belt Henley was the oldest son of Joseph B. and Mary Ann Belt Henley. He was born in 1837 and a resident of Pleasant Hill, Mo. since childhood. He worked in the harness and saddlery shop with his father, and later operated the business himself — they enjoyed a following that came great distances to purchase their handiwork, which displayed excellent workmanship.

In 1861 he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Underwood of Pleasant Hill, and they lived their entire married life in this area. To this union three children were born: Martha, Josephine and Fielding, Jr. Fielding, Jr., a small child, was accidentally shot while playing with a revolver in the absence of the family. He started to run home, but dropped dead in the front yard of the grandparents' home.

Mr. F. B. Henley was elected mayor of Pleasant Hill, Mo. three times. He was finishing his third term at the time of his death, Feb. 15, 1890. He was a member of the Christian Church. He was a member of Argus Lodge No. 132, A.O.U.W. and Cass Lodge, No. 2325 K. of H.

He is buried near the home of his early youth and manhood — and his honest memory and manly example are left as a heritage to his family, his many friends and neighbors. (Taken from his obituary, 1890 the local Overseer).

Martha married Robert W. Staley of St. Louis, Missouri in 1884. They made their home in St. Louis, Missouri. To this union three were born: Fielding H., Nancy (later known as Sister Mary Roberta Staley, S.S.N.D.) and Robert W. Staley.

Josephine married Harry J. Wood in 1894. They lived in Pleasant Hill most of their married life — excepting short stays in Mobile, Ala. and Savannah, Missouri where Mr. Wood was transferred in his railroad work. He was station agent in Pleasant Hill many years — had worked for Missouri Pacific Railroad for forty-three years. He died in 1938.

Josephine and Harry J. Wood had one daughter, Virginia, born in 1909. She was married to William Wimer in 1941. He was associated with Mo. Pacific Railroad — they continued to make Pleasant Hill their home. Mr. Wimer died in 1955.

Mrs. Josephine Wood was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was active in church affairs during her lifetime. Mrs. Wood was an artist. She died in July, 1956.

Mrs. Virginia Wimer now resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

JAMES A. HENLEY

James Atkinson Henley was a well-known business man and a native of Pleasant Hill. He was born in 1851, the son of Joseph B. and Mary Anne (Belt) Henley.

When James was a boy of 11 years, the battle of Lone Jack was fought only 9 miles from his home. He could hear the cannons roaring and in time he walked to Lone Jack for a look. He was one of the first non-combatants to visit the bloody battlefield. When Order No. 11 was issued, Aug. 25, 1863, James and his family had to leave their home. They went to Dover, Mo., just east of Lexington, to live until the war was over. While the family was there, James' mother died in 1865. Later that year, the family returned to Pleasant Hill to find a family of "squatters" living in their home. The "squatters" soon moved on and James was back home.

James was elected Cass County Sheriff in 1884 on the Democrat ticket and served in this office for 4 years. During this time, he married Ella Kate Collins, daughter of Foster and Lucinda Collins of Pleasant Hill. James and Ella were the parents of 3 children: James A. Jr., Marie Louise and George Vest. Mr. Henley died in 1931 at his home on North Armstrong.

James A. Henley, Jr. (Jim) was born in 1888 at the county jail, while his father was sheriff. He grew up in Pleasant Hill and then attended Wentworth Academy at Lexington. He married Glessie Frances Smith, daughter of Francis Alvin and Nancy Smith. They lived most of their married life in and around Tyler, Texas. Jim died in 1951. Their children are: Helen Ann, born 1914 and married James B. Payne. They live in Enid, Okla. James Frank, born 1918 and died in 1921. Margaret Sue, born 1920, is married to David Kelly and lives in El Paso. Jack Henley married Thelma Marie Murrell and lives in Tyler.

Marie Louise was born in 1891 and married U. Calvert Sterquell. They lived in Waco, Texas and were the parents of 2 children. U. Calvert, Jr. is married and living in Amarillo, Texas. Nell Mildred married Francis Winters and lives in Houston. Louise now lives in Houston near her daughter.

George Vest Henley was a native of Pleasant Hill, born in 1901 and lived there until his death in 1971. When a boy of 7 or 8 years, George's family moved to a yellow brick house on North Armstrong St., which is still the family home. George was an electrician for many years. He later became Supt. of the Municipal Utilities in Pleasant Hill and worked at this job until retirement. George married Gladys Helen Brown in 1931, the daughter of James O. and Alice E. Brown of Passaic in Bates Co., Mo. Gladys was a school teacher for many years in Bates and Cass Counties. She has retired now but still lives in the home place in Pleasant Hill. George and Gladys had 2 children. George Brown works as a park ranger in Glacier National Park. Mary Kathryn taught school several years and married Gerald B. Fitzgerald. They live in Harrisonville and have 2 sons: Patrick Bryan, born in 1959, and Scott Henley, born in 1960.

JOSEPH B. HENLEY

Joseph B. Henley, born in 1812, was a native of Louisa County, Virginia. When ten years old his parents moved to Kentucky, and they lived there until he reached his majority. In 1833 he came to Missouri and was married to Miss Mary Ann Belt of Lafayette County, Missouri — she had previously lived in Kentucky, too.

Mr. Henley was one of the early settlers of this part of Missouri. He was a harness and saddlery maker by trade. His shop was located in Old Town, Pleasant Hill — just south of Cemetery Street. In 1852, he bought and moved to a home and eight acre tract at the north edge of Old Town — in 1854 the balance of the farm was purchased, and this has been the family home, with the exception of time spent at Dover, Mo. during "Order No. 11". This property still remains in the Henley family.

Joseph B. and Mary Ann Belt Henley were the parents of nine children. They were: Sarah E. 1834-1855 (1st wife of James Freeman), Fielding B. 1837-1890, Alonzo F. 1839-1862, Richard W. 1843-1920, Joseph B. Jr., 1846-1853, John W. 1849-1882, James A. 1851-1931, Andrew F. 1855-1855, and Reuben P. 1856-1917.

Mary Ann Belt Henley died in Dover, Mo. in 1865 during the Civil War. After the war was over her husband and sons drove by team and wagon to Dover, and brought their wife and mother back to Pleasant Hill, Mo. for final interment in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Joseph B. Henley died October 31, 1886. Mr. Henley had married Mary A. Whitworth in the 70's and she passed away in 1905.

He was always known as a man of exemplary moral worth, an honest man, a true friend to the poor and a kind neighbor. What more can be said to honor the memory of any citizen? (Taken from his obituary in local paper, 1886).

REUBEN P. HENLEY

Reuben P. Henley was born November 6, 1856, the youngest child of Joseph B. and Mary Ann Belt Henley, at the family home in Old Town. He spent his life in this area, with exception of the time spent in Dover, Missouri during "Order No. 11".

On February 14, 1882, Reuben P. Henley married Miss Barbara Shires, daughter of John and Mary Norwine Shires. There were five children: Elzie B., born in 1883, Lottie B. 1884, James C. 1885, Harry R. 1891 and Fielding B. 1893.

Mr. Henley was a farmer and prominent stockman. He had served on the Pleasant Hill School Board, and served four terms on Pleasant Hill Township Board.

Mr. Henley died June 29, 1917 in the same house he was born in — just two months later than his wife, Mrs. Barbara Henley. She died April 28, 1917.

Elzie B. Henley was born February 1, 1883. He spent his entire life in Pleasant Hill. He was a farmer. He married Miss Cora Draper December 14, 1910. They had two sons — Homer Draper in 1914, and Marion Elzie in 1922. Homer married and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They had two sons — David and Paul.

Marion E. married Anne Welsh in 1947, and now lives in Columbia, Missouri. They had one daughter, Jane, born in 1952. She married Keith Mansfield, and they live in Topeka, Kansas.

Elzie B. Henley died Aug. 24, 1946. Mrs. Cora D. Henley died Nov. 1974.

Lottie Belle Henley was born April 17, 1884 and spent most of her life in Pleasant Hill. She married Andrew J. Ingersoll December 23, 1915. He was a farmer. They had one son, George Reuben, born in 1916 and died in 1919. Lottie Ingersoll died October 13, 1962.

James Conrad was born June 23, 1885. He spent his childhood in Pleasant Hill, and then attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. He was a bookkeeper for the horse and mule business in Kansas City, Mo. for forty-five years — later returning to Pleasant Hill to retire. He never married. He died May 21, 1958.

Harry Robert Henley was born February 12, 1891 on the family farm in Old Town, where he spent his entire life. He was a well known farmer and stockman. He had served on the Pleasant Hill Township Board, and the Pleasant Hill City Council. He was a Mason.

Harry R. Henley and Miss Helen C. Clark were married on April 23, 1919. They had one daughter, Harriett Barbara, born in 1920.

Mrs. Helen C. Henley died Feb. 20, 1962. Harry R. Henley died Nov. 10, 1971.

Harriett Barbara married John H. Land, Jr. on October 24, 1941. They had three sons: Donald Henley born in 1951, Eugene Clark in 1953 and Christopher Leon in 1956.

Fielding B. Henley was born August 3, 1893 on the family farm in Old Town. He spent his life in Pleasant Hill, with the exception of time spent in service in World War I. He was a prominent farmer and stockman. He had served as a Pleasant Hill City Councilman. He was treasurer of the American Legion for thirty-five years.

Fielding B. Henley and Miss Fredda Harris of Cockrell were married Nov. 20, 1919. They had three children: Barbara Clay born in 1920, Conrad Harris in 1929, and Norman B. in 1932.

Fielding B. Henley died Jan. 21, 1956. Mrs. Fredda H. Henley died Sept. 28, 1956.

Barbara Clay married Robert Rosch in 1957 — had one son, Clay Fielding, born in 1958. She married James W. Blackburn in 1961 — they had three children: Sonja Lee, 1962, James D., 1963, and Fredda Mae, 1966.

Conrad Harris was married to Miss Edith Mae Vansandt in 1954, and they have two sons — Allen Conrad, 1960, and Eric Martin, 1961.

Norman B. was married to Miss Joan Sproat in 1954, and they have two sons — Norman Randall, 1957, and Ronald Howard, 1959.

RICHARD W. HENLEY

Richard Wilson Henley ("Uncle Dick") was a son of Joseph B. and Mary Ann Belt Henley, born on Feb. 14, 1843 at Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri. He moved with his parents to Pleasant Hill in 1849, and lived in Old Town until May 21, 1861. He joined the state service under Colonel Hurst, and served six months — then joined the Confederate Army. He served in both the cavalry and infantry. He was with Shank's Reg. (Co. G. 2nd Mo.) Shelby's Brigade until the close of the war.

Mr. Henley then returned to Pleasant Hill and married Miss Madora Parker on Nov. 22, 1868. They lived in Pleasant Hill until 1872, then moving to a farm near Strasburg, Missouri. Forty-three years of their married life was spent in Strasburg — thirty-three years he served as assessor of Polk Township. He was a life long Democrat. He stood high among his associates — his friends were numbered by his acquaintances throughout the county. His standing in the community was proven by the respect shown him by all Strasburg business houses remaining closed for his funeral service and burial on March 3, 1920.

Mrs. Madora Henley, the mother of twelve children, three dying in infancy, passed away on Nov. 12, 1923. She was a member of the Christian Church — her faith never dimmed

and the sweetness and dignity with which she met all her trials was proof of her trust. Mr. and Mrs. Henley were buried in the Strasburg cemetery.

Surviving Richard W. and Madora Henley were five daughters and four sons: Mrs. James (Mary) Wilson, Eldon, Mo., Mrs. Clarence (Ella) Myers, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. M. C. (Maye) Keyton, East Lynne, Mo., Miss Grace Ethel Henley, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Dyas (Ruby) Beamer, Kansas City, Mo., Herbert A. Henley, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joseph G. Henley, Oklahoma City, Okla., John W. Henley, Fredericktown, Mo. and Robert W. Henley, Independence, Mo. Only Mrs. Ruby Beamer and Robert W. Henley, both of Independence, Mo., are living, as of April, 1976.

Mrs. Mary Wilson had one daughter, Mrs. Lucille Krigler, Eldon, Mo. Mrs. Ella Myers had two sons: Earl and Paul Henley. Mrs. Maye Keyton had two sons: Thomas Merle (deceased) and Minoah Keyton, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. Joseph B. Henley had two children: Millard (deceased) and Mrs. Joe Holmes (Ruby), Tulsa, Okla. Robert W. Henley had one son, J. R., Independence, Mo. Grace Henley — never married; John W. Henley — never married; Ruby Beamer — no children.

DAVID HILL

Although David Hill lived longer in Cass County than any other place during his lifetime, it was his link with Cass County which was to cost him his life. He was born in Warren County, Tennessee, and there married Martha Boyd in 1830. Around 1837 the family removed to Cass County, Missouri, where the census taker found them at Everett in 1840. After a trip to Texas during the 1840's, they again returned to Cass County, but since David Hill's sentiments were with the free state cause, he moved across the state line to homestead land in Miami County, Kansas in 1860.

During the Border War, David went along with the Union forces at Butler, Missouri in order to see what happened when they met the rebel forces. At the Battle of Parkersville in northern Bates County in 1861, David Hill was shot and killed by an old Missouri enemy who recognized him as a free state man.

The children of David and Martha Hill were: Nancy Ann, who married John N. Osman; John W., who married Elizabeth J. (?); Malinda J., who married Pleasant Roark; Permelia A., who married 1st, Daniel Ream and 2nd, Jesse A. Foreman; Mary Elizabeth, who never married; Minerva Stanley, who was born in Cass County and married Peter Francis Jackson of Miami County, Kansas; Martha R., who married 1st, John Prather, 2nd, (?) Owens and 3rd, (?) Mattingly; Edward Houston and David Adam, who married Mary (?).

Martha Jane Jackson, daughter of Peter and Minerva Hill Jackson, married Henry Clayton Nichols, of Drexel, Missouri.

CHARLES MARTIN HOCHMUTH

Charles Martin Hochmuth (Charley), August 6, 1885-August 13, 1964, was a well known farmer and cattleman in Cass County for fifty-one years. He took great pride in the community and worked for its betterment. Served on election and school boards many years, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He came to Cass County in 1913, purchased land south of Harrisonville, Missouri, which is still farmed by the family. His father, Herman Hochmuth, came to the United States from Hamburg, Germany in the 1870's with his widow mother, Anna Therese SoFleiss Hochmuth, sister Josephine Sophia, and two brothers, Johann and Ernest. They settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Holton, Kansas.

April 22, 1883, Herman Hochmuth married Katherina Mueller, who came to the United States from Kassell, Germany, age seventeen. She made the voyage with a girl friend and her family, intending to return home. This was not to be. She never saw her parents, brother or four sisters again. They did correspond through her lifetime. They made their home on a farm near Holton, Kansas, and were the parents of seven children, Harry, Charley, Josephine, Anna, Louise, Georgine and Mary.

September 2, 1912, Herman Hochmuth was stricken with a fatal heart attack while returning from town in his spring wagon. The horses made a safe journey home with the wagon and their driver. Holton was seven miles from the farm. Mrs. Hochmuth sold the farm. Her two sons, now in their twenties, wanted to farm in Missouri. They purchased adjoining farms south of Harrisonville. Harry was married to Emily Henkle, Holton, Kansas. Charley was single, so their mother and sister Louise made their home with him from 1913 until he married. They returned to Holton, Kansas, where the rest of the family still lived.

Josephine Hochmuth came to Harrisonville in 1913, after finishing business college at Hill City, Kansas. She was employed as a bookkeeper for the Bank of Harrisonville until it closed in 1919. She then returned to Holton. Later, with her mother and Louise, she purchased the home where she now resides. She is the last living member of the family.

Christmas Eve, 1923, Charley M. Hochmuth and Lillie May Fichter were married in her parents' home near Sedalia, Missouri. Her father, Fredrich Fichter, came to the United States at the age of twenty-one, an only child, with his widowed mother and grandmother Fichter from Alsace Lorraine. They had owned a resort hotel in Strasberg. They purchased land near Sedalia where he lived until his death in 1931. May 1, 1887, he married Hermina Louise Voight (1859-1960), born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. They later moved to Hughesville, Missouri, and were the parents of nine children. Two live in Cass County, Mrs. Frank Fries (Bertha) and Mrs. Charley Hochmuth (Lillie).

Charley and Lillie Hochmuth were the parents of one child, Katherine Louise, born November 26, 1924. She graduated from Harrisonville High School, attended William Woods College, graduated from Huff's Business College and Fairchild's School of Cosmetology. She is a member of Bayard Chapter #179 O.E.S. State of Missouri and Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. January 19, 1948, she married Jack Richard McClain (September 15, 1920), son of John Elmer and Eathel Wilson McClain. He was a founding partner of McClain Brothers Electric, Harrisonville. They are the parents of three children, Charles Richard, Carol Louise and Janice Mae.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ernest Hockaday.

CHARLES ERNEST HOCKADAY

In 1903, Charles Ernest Hockaday (1872-1959), married Bertha A. Fritz (1871-1950). She was the daughter of Fred B. and Elizabeth Phillips Fritz and was born on a farm eight miles south of Belton on which her parents settled in 1866, coming here from Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

After their marriage, the Ernest Hockadays moved to Kirksville, Mo., where he operated a shoe store in partnership with M. E. Holcomb. After selling out in Kirksville, the firm bought a clothing store in Harrisonville and the Hockaday family moved to the county seat. After five years, Halcomb purchased his partner's interest, and in 1910, the Hockadays moved to the family farm south of Belton where they resided nearly 36 years.

Ernest Hockaday attended Missouri University at Columbia as a young man, and taught several rural schools over Cass County and in the Harrisonville High School. He was Justice of Peace of Union Township, served on the Township Board a number of years, and was also a member of the Pleasant Prairie School Board many years. He was always interested and active in civic and community affairs.

The Ernest Hockadays became parents of five children. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Starner, of Belton; Mrs. Katharine Hankins, formerly of Belton, and now of San Juan, Texas; Mrs. Ernestine Powell, of Belton; Mrs. Harriett Bishop, of Englewood, Colorado; and Charles Fritz Hockaday, who still resides on the family farm south of Belton.

Fritz Hockaday has been a farmer his entire life. In his early years he raised, trained and sold several outstanding show horses. He has served on the Cass County school board from 1948 to 1955, was judge of the North District of the County Court from January 1, 1963 to January 1, 1971; served many years on the Union Township Board; and is presently Cass County Zoning Director, serving since February 1, 1971.

Fritz married Astrid Norwick, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have one daughter, Deborah Jane Hockaday, who married James Anthony Miceli. Their children are Kimberly Jane and Nicolas Anthony.

Elizabeth Frances Hockaday married John Lillis Jones and had three children. Their daughter, Marilyn C., married James W. Babb and they have two sons, Charles Edward and John Lee.

Their eldest son, J. L. Jones, married Betty Anders, now deceased, and they had two sons, David Lillis Jones, and Darin Lee Jones. J. L. Jones and Janet Villenes were married in 1974. J. L. served in the 46th Artillery Guided Missiles Division of the 5th Army from 1954 to 1956.

Charles Allan Jones, the youngest son, married Margie Van Gordan and they have five children. Michael A. Jones, who married Barbara Schmidt, and they have a daughter, Michelle Ann. Michael entered the Air Force in 1973, and is in Morse Systems and Communications.

Allan's other children are Cynthia Kay, Cathy Lynn, Mark Charles and Cheryl Dianne.

Elizabeth Hockaday Jones married Loyd Starner in 1954.

Harriett E. Hockaday married William Edward Bishop, now deceased. He was superintendent of the Englewood, Colorado schools at the time of his death. They have a son and daughter. William Edward Bishop, Jr., of Littleton, Colorado married Joan M. Foppe. They have five children. Kip Edward, Kim Jeffery, Kitt Patrice, Kelly Ann and Kammy Lynn. W. E. Bishop, Jr. served in the Marine Corps.

Harriett Ann Bishop, their daughter, married George F. Bowser and they have two daughters, Angela Ellen and Blythe Elizabeth.

Katharine M. Hockaday married Gerald Claibourne Hankins, now deceased, and to this union one son was born; Gale Claibourne Hankins, who married Joyce Kathleen Spiry of Mobridge, South Dakota. Their children are Gale William, James Claibourne and Crystal Joy.

Margaret Ernestine Hockaday married William V. Powell and they have one son; Dr. William Kent Powell, of Enid, Oklahoma, presently serving in the Air Force as a dentist with the rank of Captain. He married Sharon Louise Calvin and they have a son, Trevor William.

CHARLES STUART HOCKADAY

The Hockaday family first arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1647 from England. They were pioneers in Virginia and Kentucky. George Edmond Otey Hockaday (1805-1885) came to Missouri, Calloway County, before 1838, at which time he married Catherine Laura Hart (1817-1892), a native of Albemarle County, Virginia. Laura Hart came to Missouri in a wagon train.

George E. O. Hockaday was engaged in farming and stock raising. He served one term as representative in the state legislature and was, also, county judge and sheriff of Calloway County.

He moved his family to Pleasant Hill in 1872 and, in 1873, bought a farm of 160 acres, three and one-half miles south of Peculiar, Missouri. He helped establish the Peculiar cemetery and his daughter, Eliza (Lydia), was the first person buried there. He was one of the first members of the Presbyterian Church at Peculiar and helped organize the Rock Ford Rural School south of Peculiar.

The George E. O. Hockadays were the parents of Charles Stuart Hockaday (1840-1921), a resident of Cass County;

Martha Dillard Hockaday (1845-1916), who married Moses Henry McCue (1841-1910), whose home was in Audrain County; Frances (Frank) Hart Hockaday (1857-1929) married Mary Welborn and resided south of Peculiar; Henry Abbot Hockaday married Alice Welborn and died in early manhood.

Charles Stuart Hockaday served in the Federal Army during the Civil War, and took part in many important battles. After peace was declared, he served in the Army guarding the Missouri Pacific Railroad across the western plains as it was being built. In 1868, he settled in Cass County where he bought ninety-two acres of land in Union Township, and engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1870, he married Salena Ellen Young (1853-1919), daughter of Josiah A. and Elizabeth (Ross) Young. The Young family settled in Cass County about the close of the Civil War, coming from North Carolina.

Charles Stuart Hockaday was elected presiding judge in 1878 and served in that office for four years. He was again elected presiding judge of the County Court in 1902 and during the course of his administration many difficult problems were presented for solution. Judge Hockaday's good judgement and keen foresight proved a valuable asset to the County on many occasions. He had many interesting experiences in the final adjustment of the County bonds proposition. He also served as Justice of the Peace of Union Township for many years.

The Charles Stuart Hockadays had four sons. Charles Ernest (1872-1959), Thomas Otey (1875-1967), Leon Melville (1881-1957) and Roy Frances (1888-1958).

Caroline Abbot Stanley, author of the book, "Order No. 11," was a first cousin of C. S. Hockaday.

FRANCIS H. (FRANK) HOCKADAY

Frank Hockaday came to Peculiar from Callaway County in 1870 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. O. Hockaday, and his two brothers, Charles S. Hockaday and Henry A. Hockaday. They established their home on a farm south of Peculiar. A part of that farm is still owned by Robert H. Hockaday. Frank's father, who had been presiding judge of Callaway County and had served in the State Legislature while living there, helped organize the Presbyterian Church in Peculiar and helped establish the Peculiar Cemetery, where Frank's sister, Eliza, was the first one buried. Frank's father also helped organize the Rock Ford School south of Peculiar. It was there that Frank attended school, as did his children and grandchildren in later years.

Frank Hockaday married Mary T. Welborn. They, in turn, lived on the farm south of Peculiar where they reared their six children. They were of the Presbyterian faith and attended church regularly. Frank helped organize the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Line and helped build a line from Peculiar to Harrisonville.

Two of Frank's daughters, Martha and Margaret Hockaday, now deceased, were teachers in St. Joseph and Kansas City, Missouri, respectively. His two living daughters are retired from teaching. Mrs. Laura Hockaday Carpenter lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where she is a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church. The youngest daughter, Mrs. Nell Hockaday Wills, is a resident of Bowling Green, Ohio. Her son, Robert F. Wills, who with his wife lives in Bowling Green, served fifteen months in Korea during the Korean War, and is now a clerk with the Pennsylvania Railroad. His two children also live in the Bowling Green area.

Frank's oldest son, Walter H. Hockaday, who is deceased, was a farmer and was the father of four children. One daughter, Lela Hockaday, passed away in 1959. His other daughter, Marietta Hockaday, is an elementary school principal in Kansas City, Missouri. One son, Henry A. Hockaday, is a retired conductor on the Union Pacific Railroad. Henry and his wife live in LaSalle, Colorado and are the parents of five children, all of whom are active in the Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star and Masonic Organizations. Walter Hockaday's second son, Edmund E. Hockaday, is industrial sales manager for Rilco Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he and his wife reside. Edmund served in the armed forces overseas during World War II.

The second son of Frank and Mary Hockaday, William F. Hockaday, also deceased, was a farmer and stockman and lived on the family farm south of Peculiar for many years. His son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hockaday, and their son, James R. Hockaday, were the fourth and fifth generations to operate the family farm, and it was not until recent years that they moved from the farm home.

Robert H. Hockaday and his wife are now retired and live in Harrisonville. Robert is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cass County Bank in Peculiar and the Peculiar Cemetery Board. James R. Hockaday and his wife, with their daughter, Jamie Jo, reside in Peculiar. The Westchester Bowling Lanes in Harrisonville, which is under the management of James R. Hockaday, was built and is owned by James and his father, Robert H. Hockaday.

The Hockaday family first arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1647 from England. They were pioneers in Virginia and Kentucky and they continued, as they migrated westward to Missouri, to help establish and build each community in which they lived.

ELLIS FRANKLIN HODGES

Ellis Franklin, born 11 August, 1856, Scott County, Illinois; died April, 1916, Archie, Missouri. He settled in Cass County after 1880. Ellis was the son of Jesse Franklin and Nancy Agnes (Pickett-Muer) Hodges. Jesse Franklin was born in Kentucky; died 26 October, 1899 and interred in Crescent Hill Cemetery.

Ellis was married on 14 September, 1884 at Archie, Missouri to Mary Louise Hoots. They lived West of Archie and Ellis was employed by Henry Taylor, a grocer in that community. Ellis and Molly had 2 children: Walter Lee, born 18 April, 1886 and Ona, 7 April, 1889. Both born at Archie.

Walter was married first on 2 February, 1905 at Harrisonville to Maggie LouRena Haler. Two sons: Franklin, born 20 September, 1906 and Ernest Haler, 7 August, 1914; both born at Archie. Walter was employed by Kansas City Railway, the

The Ellis Franklin Hodges Family.

Katy and Rock Island Railroads. He was also a farmer. Walter was married second in 1929 to Mary Miranda Jones-Motley, born 31 March, 1892, died 20 July, 1972; daughter of Henry C. and Ann B. (Lienenger) Jones. Walter died 7 December, 1957.

Frank was married on 19 August, 1927, Kansas City, Kansas to Evelyn Irene Stevens, born 7 March, 1910, Squires, Missouri; daughter of Earl Ernest and Fannie Rosetta (Thomson) Stevens. Frank was a mechanic in the family garage; drove an oil truck for a cousin, Jesse Lee Hodges; employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad and a farmer. Three children: Mildred Waneta, born 16 June, 1928, Archie; Alice Irene, 8 October, 1932, Merwin, Missouri and Ernest LeRoy, 27 May, 1934 at Archie. Frank and Eva are now (1976) retired and reside in Holden, Missouri.

Mildred was married in Gatesville, Texas on 8 November, 1947 to Roy Arwood Cooper, born 11 November, 1921, Copperas Cove, Texas; son of Mills Lee and Syrenia Frances (Whiteley) Cooper. Roy is a Navy veteran. He has been employed by Southwestern Bell since 1948. Five children: Margaret Ann, born 12 February, 1950; Cora Lynne, 15 May, 1953; Ross Allen, 25 April, 1954; Andrew Brian, 4 June, 1958 and Marian Alene, 8 October, 1959.

Alice was married on 24 November, 1950 at Kansas City, Missouri to Billy Gene Hale, born 17 January, 1928, Wheaton, Missouri; son of Ercil and Velma Marie (Stokes) Hale. Two children: Kathryn Sue, born 10 September, 1951 and Billy Gene, 6 July, 1955. Now living in Irving, Texas, Bill has been employed a number of years by Yellow Transit.

LeRoy was married at Aiken, South Carolina on 16 June, 1958 to Renate Margitta Thierfelder, born 2 November, 1937, Chemnitz, Germany; daughter of Rudolf Curt and Margarete Magda (Gerlach) Thierfelder. Two children: Terry Diane, born 8 November, 1959 and Gary Lee, 5 March, 1963. LeRoy is employed by the Raytown, Missouri Fire Department.

Ernest Haler was married first at Mound City, Kansas on 28 April, 1932 to Mildred Faye Green, born 9 November, 1913, Amsterdam, Missouri, died 25 April, 1975; daughter of Manley Ellis and Bessie Ella (Stilwell) Green. Three children: Dorothy Faye, born 3 October, 1932; Robert Leon, 9 June, 1935 and Billie Jo, 27 July, 1941. Haler was a farmer at Merwin, Missouri for a number of years; employed by the Kansas City Public Service Company and now a salesman for Ace Hardware Company. Second marriage on 29 May, 1952, Kansas City, Missouri to Opal Laverne Boyer, born 12 February, 1926, Sedalia, Missouri; daughter of Henry Clarence and Tracy Delia (Merriott) Boyer.

Ona was married on 5 September to William Altum. One daughter: Mary Elizabeth, born 19 July, 1918 at Harrisonville, died in infancy. Ona died 19 July, 1918. William was employed by Missouri Pacific Railroad.

GEORGE W. HODGES

George Washington and Mary Stitt Hodges were the parents of three sons and two daughters: John, Claude, Jared, Eva and Myrtle. They left Will County, Illinois and moved near Garden City, Missouri.

John, born September 11, 1863, married Marcelia Ensworth of Dayton, Missouri on January 4, 1891. John passed away in 1938 and Marcelia in 1939. They were the parents of eight children: Mary Frances, Mabel Edith, Laura May, Ira Ivan, Everett Earl, Walter William, Alice Irene and Johnny Richard.

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Mary, born December 1, 1892, married Charles Allen Kirk December 24, 1909. She died March 30, 1972. They were the parents of two sons and three daughters: Marie Catherine, born December 27, 1910 and died January 15, 1919. Maurine Elizabeth was born August 3, 1912 and died August 17, 1912. Allen Crawford, born July 5, 1913, married Nona Ernestine Phillips. Their children are Lenona Lee, born January 4, 1943, married Richard R. Wilson and their children are: Kathryn Renee, Kristine Michelle and Karen Suzanne. Barbara Lou, born September 22, 1947, married Ernest Russell and are the parents of one son, Robert Allen. Marjorie Allene, born July 20, 1920, married Finley McNeill Preston, Sr. and their children are: Finley McNeill, Jr., born August 3, 1950. Stephen Kirk, born October 23, 1952, married Wendy Kaye Wright. Glen Alvin, born September 6, 1921, married Virginia Kirtley Green. Their children are: Lucy Mae Green, born October 3, 1939, married David Stanton and their children are: Cynthia Ann Gerrard, Terry Allen, Debra Ann and Anthony. Cynthia married Terry Gerrard, Sr. and are the parents of one son, Terry Gerrard, Jr. Patricia Marie, born November 30, 1957, married Richard Tompkins. Phyllis Louise, born May 25, 1956, married John Carter. Donna Jean, born December 7, 1957, married Robert E. Bacon.

Mabel Edith, born August 30, 1895, married Luther Riddle March 16, 1911 and they were the parents of two sons: Chester H. was born February 26, 1912. Charles E., born July 12, 1920 and married Irene Westmoreland February 27, 1952.

Laura May, born December 17, 1898, married Cloide Hensley September 5, 1915. Their children are: May Colene, born October 20, 1916, married Archie Wedding. Cloide, Jr., born March 5, 1918, married Hazel Archer. Their children are: Richard, Sheila and Melody. Beulah Lucille, born July 24, 1921, married Dale Whitmore. Their children are Virginia May, Norman Dee, Kathy and Robert.

Ira Ivan, born August 26, 1900, married Julia Brewer April 15, 1920. Their children are: Dorothy June, born February 26, 1921, married C. C. VanderVort. Clarence Earl was born February 16, 1922. Muriel Dean was born July 10, 1926. Donna Loraine, born August 29, 1923, married Beno Hendricks and have one son, Beno, Jr.

Everett Earl, born April 9, 1903, married Iva Sexon June 4, 1929. Their children are: Milton Dale, born December 7, 1931 and was killed in action in Korea, March 9, 1953. John William, born March 2, 1934, married Patricia (?) and their children are: Jeffrey Dale, Cindy Lou and Terry Sue.

Walter William, born October 31, 1906, married Geneva Randall March 7, 1934. Their children are: Sylva Louise, Walter Cletis, Ronald Bruce, Roger Lee, Stephen, Lucretia Mae and Marcelia Ann.

Alice Irene, born December 4, 1908, married Wilbur Ellis November 17, 1925. Their children are: James Leroy, born September 3, 1926, married Yula Orlena Hedges. Their children are: Pamela Sue and Paula Kay. Yula passed away October, 1973. James married Doris Zellmer August 8, 1974. Billy Jean, born February 10, 1928, married Donald Giffin. Their children are: Teri Darlene and Patricia Elaine.

Johnny Richard, born April 1, 1911, married Cloeva Gregg. Their children are: Barbara Jane, born February 5, 1941, married Phillip Fresque and are the parents of Jared John, Joel Phillip, and Justin Gregory. Michael LeRoy, born November 16, 1946, married Helen Irene Wells and are the parents of one daughter, Stacy Lynne.

LEE PHILIP HODGES

Lee Philip Hodges, born Feb. 9, 1898 in Archie, Cass Co., Mo. and Phyllis Marie Robinson, born July 30, 1906 in Adams Co., Iowa were married April 17, 1932. They are parents of Virginia Louise (Hodges) Smith, born Jan. 28, 1933; Thelma Laverne (Hodges) Shipley, born Aug. 17, 1934; Wanda Kay (Hodges) Osborn, born Feb. 26, 1940; Carole Lynne (Hodges) Arnold, born April 18, 1942. Wanda Kay died of leukemia on March 17, 1974.

Edgar Newton Hodges, father of Lee Philip, was born Nov. 10, 1856 in Winchester, Scott Co., Illinois, the son of Jesse Franklin and Nancy Ann Hodges. Edgar married Leah Estelle Gross, born July 14, 1867 in Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, on Feb. 6, 1895.

Leah Estelle, daughter of Aaron Gross, son of Jacob and Lydia (Rife) Gross and Mary Eleanor Vansandt, daughter of Lorenzo Dow and Leah (Rothgep) Vansandt, at the age of three years, came to Cass County when her father, Aaron Gross, brought his family from Gallipolis, Ohio in a covered wagon. Mr. Gross purchased land from Philip M. Slaughter on Feb. 1, 1870 that was originally entered May 21, 1857 in the United States Government Plat Book. The land is on the south edge of the town of Archie, Mo. where Philip Hodges now resides. In 1870, there was no town of Archie nor a railroad. The Gross two-story house was built on the northwest corner of the farm. Later the Missouri Pacific railroad took six acres of the land and the right-of-way was twenty feet west of the house. They kept boarders who were building the railroad. Estelle's sister, Augusta, married C. L. (Chris) Koeger, the conductor of the first passenger train "run" through Archie. Chris Koeger's daughter, Bonnie Rupe, born Feb. 14, 1886, now lives in Archie.

The Phil Hodges Family.

Phil attended Archie Grade School, and Archie High School when it was first started in the Universalist Church. Mr. R. V. Holwell was the first High School teacher. Besides being a full-time dairy farmer, Phil took time to help in community affairs. He was president of the Archie Chamber of Commerce in 1949, 1950 and 1952. In 1949, Phil and Reece Gross raised $5000 in donations in two afternoons to construct the present Agriculture Building at the Archie High School. In 1950, Archie was proud to have the finest lighted baseball field in the area. It was located at the south edge of Archie on the Hodges land. In the early 1960's, the lights were moved to their present location at the Archie Public School. Other accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce under his direction were the paving of Main Street, putting in curbing, and building stock pavilions for the Fair Grounds. Their motto was "Don't say 'Let's go to town' — but say 'Let's go to ARCHIE' ".

In the late 1940's, Phil was elected as Judge of the Cass County Court, South District; and also served as a Director of the Pure Milk Producers Association.

Mrs. Phil Hodges received her education at a country school near Harvard, Nebraska and graduated from Harvard High School. She attended the University of Nebraska and Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Mo. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree and taught school for twenty-three years. She loved teaching children and enjoys hobbies of gardening, canning, quilting, decoupaging, embroidering and oil painting.

The Hodges family is glad their ancestors came to Archie in Cass County. It is a nice place to live!

PERRY WILLIAM HODGES

Perry William Hodges migrated to the Freeman area with his parents from Greencastle, Indiana before the Civil War. Mr. Hodges was born in 1850 and married Nancy Myers, of Freeman. They had two sons, John Quincy and Edward. Nancy (Myers) Hodges died in 1880.

John Quincy Hodges was born July 13, 1872 and made his home, after his mother's death, with a well known family, "The Browns", near Freeman. He lived with the Brown family until 1901 when he married Samantha Ada Alley, of Cockrell, Missouri. In January, 1903, they bought the old Rice place eight miles northeast of Pleasant Hill. This had been the home of Martin Rice, a prominent Cass Countian and historian, and his folks, who had lived there in a two story log cabin on the Indian Trail. On August 17, 1903, Martin Rice visited the Hodges. He was then 89 years old and he gave them, on that day, a copy of his well known book, "Rural Rhymes and Talks and Tales of Olden Times." This inscription was written by him in the front of the book he gave them: "Compliments of the author to his friend Mrs. Ada Hodges of Cass Co., Mo. who occupies the Author's old home on the Indian trail. Martin Rice, aged 89 years"

John and Ada Hodges had a son, Perry; a daughter, Pearl, deceased in 1918, and a son, Jay, who resides in Warrensburg, Missouri and who inherited the home place.

John Q. Hodges died in 1963 at the age of 90 years and 9 months on the farm where he and his wife, Ada, lived for 60 years. Mrs. Hodges followed him in death in 1965 at 88 years of age.

Perry Hodges married Helen Haynes in 1926. They have resided on the same farm northeast of Strasburg, Missouri, about 50 years. Helen Haynes is a descendant of a pioneer family who came from North Carolina and settled 1½ miles east of Strasburg on a 500 acre homestead. Her grandfather, C. C. Haynes, was a brother of Thomas N. Haynes, an attorney in Harrisonville for many years.

Perry and Helen Haynes Hodges are active members of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and have taken part in various community activities. They have one son, John W., who lives in Overland Park, Kansas with his family.

AMELIA CORDELL HOLLAND

The Cordell family has lived in Cass County since 1854 when Henry Claggett Cordell and his wife Caroline Jane (Hart) Cordell came to Pleasant Hill from Jefferson City, Mo.

The Cordells first came to America in 1743 when Rev. John Cordell and his wife, Elizabeth Edwards Cordell, emigrated from England. John Cordell was a clergyman in the Church of England. He served as Captain and Chaplain in the Army of the Revolution from 1 Jan. 1777 to 18 Aug. 1781. His first son, George Edwards Cordell, born 17 Feb. 1742, married Catherine Bayse. Their son, Presley Cordell, born 5 March 1779, married Amelia O'Conner. The tenth child of Presley and Amelia, Henry Claggett Cordell, born 18 April 1801, in Leesburg, Virginia, founded the Cordell branch of the family in Cass County.

Luther and Amelia Holland.

Henry Cordell was a lawyer and on 3 Sept. 1845 married Caroline Jane Hart at Jefferson City, Mo. Five children were born to them there, Thomas Hart, born 13 Aug. 1846, Richard O'Conner, born 21 July 1848, Presley Bay, born 22 Aug. 1849, Mary Stuart, born 25 Feb. 1851 and Annette, born 30 April 1853.

In 1854 the Cordell family came to Pleasant Hill where Henry Cordell established his law practice and was Justice of the Peace. He helped to organize and was one of the first elders of the Presbyterian Church.

Four more children were born at Pleasant Hill, Ann Curd, born 26 June 1855, Callie Hart, born 11 June 1857, Frank Hart, born 9 Aug. 1859 and Amelia O'Conner, born 9 May 1861.

During the Civil War the family, as Southern sympathizers, were forced to leave Cass County under Order No. 11. Henry Cordell took a large wooden box and made a cart out of it. Pulled by two yearling oxen, his wife and the youngest children rode, while the others walked to Wellington, Mo. They sold the cart and oxen there and went by boat to Jefferson City, Missouri. The family stayed there until the end of the war and Cordell worked as a bookkeeper. One child, Henry, was born there 19 March 1865. He died 1 March 1866.

After the war the family returned to Pleasant Hill and their 11th child, Grace Goodrich, was born 20 August 1868.

Their ninth child, Amelia O'Conner Cordell married Luther Watson Holland 9 November 1887 at Pleasant Hill. Luther and Amelia went to Fulton, Mo. to live and Luther Holland was employed as groundskeeper at the state insane asylum. Six children were born at Fulton, Callie Cordell, born 27 August 1888, died 23 November 1972, married Lester Edmund Pearce 9 November 1919, (See Lester Edmund Pearce). Minnie Lee, born 12 February 1890, died 29 October 1935, Robert Cordell, 23 October 1891, married Faith Rehrote, Evelyn, born 11 June 1832, died 9 April 1895, Luther Hart, born 15 June 1895, died April 1971, married Elsie Rathmore, Elizabeth Nancy, born 25 April 1897, married Luther Marvin Williams. One son, Henry Harris, born 16 January 1901, died 29 December 1972, married Helen Harren, was born at El Dorado Springs.

The family returned to Pleasant Hill in 1904 and sold insurance. Luther and Amelia Holland were both members of the

Presbyterian Church and Amelia taught Sunday School and worked in the Missionary Society.

Henry Claggett Cordell died 12 December 1899, his wife, Caroline, died 14 January 1889. Luther Watson Holland died 16 November 1922 and Amelia O'Conner (Cordell) Holland died 5 July 1938. They are all buried on the same lot in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

HOCKER — HOLLOWAY

James Richard "Jim" Hocker, the only son and eldest of four children of Benjamin Dunn and Mary (Bentley) Hocker came to Cass County, Missouri with his father and stepmother Julia Ann (Green) (Dunn) Hocker and their children in 1868. They came from Turnersville, Lincoln County, Kentucky. His Uncle Tillman followed in 1869. Their father, Joseph, and grandparents, Samuel and Nancy (Price) Hocker, had migrated to Kentucky from Frederick County, Maryland about 1790. Their mother was Elizabeth (Dunn) Hocker. Jim's sisters were Mary Ann (Bradbury) and Margaret "Maggie" (Arnold); half-sisters were, Lizzie Belle (Stevens), Sara Wood and Alice Green; half-brothers were Joseph Edwin and Benjamin Dunn, Jr.; and stepbrother was Issac "Ide" Dunn. Benjamin and Julia bought a farm near Lisle. There he and his sons farmed. Benjamin and Tillman's brother, James, and his wife, Harriet (Morrison) Hocker, who thought young ladies also should be educated, established the Hocker Female College at Lexington, Kentucky. It was combined, later with Morrison College and Transylvania College, the oldest college west of Alleghenies. The old mansion-academy-home was used as a women's dormitory (Hamilton Hall), renamed for a promising benefactor, until recently.

Ella Farr Holloway was the second child, first daughter, of eight children of Fleming Van Buren and Mary Jane (Cooper) Holloway. Fleming V. was the son of Thomas and Martha (Secrist) Holloway. Ella's sisters, Minnie Leslie (Elder) and Fannie May (King), and brothers, Charles William, Barnes Flavius, Arthur Floyd and Wilbur Gentry, all reached adulthood. Her father moved to Bates County about 1864 and later became county treasurer at Butler. When Ella was about 18, they moved to Brosley and about 1883 to Lone Tree. Her mother died there and later Fleming remarried and moved to Bethlehem, Indiana. Ella refused to go along because she planned to marry Jim Hocker, so her father insisted she should marry before he left. Fleming had been very active all his life in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Ella had played the organ when they dedicated the Presbyterian Church at Sharon. He was not happy when she decided to accept the faith of her husband, Jim, who she married on October 13, 1885. They settled on the old Hocker homeplace where Jim farmed for his father, who died in 1886. In this area the six children were born. They attended Coldwater school before moving to the Oak Grove District in Everett township in 1906 to the old Davenport place. Their children were Ray Fleming, Jesse Benjamin, Mary Lela, Mabel Alice, William David and James Arthur, "Josh".

Jim suffered an accident requiring amputation of a leg just before Alice was born. This was a very difficult time for them. Ella was an excellent cook and was able to supplement the family income by taking in boarders at Lisle. Later Jim ran the huckster wagon and Ray and Jess helped with the farming. The family were always active members of the Christian Church where they lived. Two children still live in Cass County: Lela and "Josh" at or near Drexel and they are active in the Drexel Christian Church there. Thirteen of Jim and Ella's fourteen grandchildren are living: James Andrew and James Arthur, Jr. of Drexel, Robert of Freeman, Carol Simmons of Harrisonville, Merle (Coble) Kelly of Belton, Doris King and Arlene Johnson of Kansas City, Richard Earl of Adrian, David of Grandview, Missouri; Mary Ella and Lois (Dillon) Grummer of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Helen and Ella Virginia Hocker of Topeka, Kansas. However, the eldest grandson died in 1969.

Gilbert and Matilda Holloway and son, Myron Gilbert.

GILBERT HOLLOWAY

Billy Holloway, a Baptist preacher of English descent, enlisted in Cumberland Co., Va. Feb. 14, 1776 and served as private in Capt. Fleming's Co., Col. Dangerfield's Virginia regiment until late Sept., 1776. He transferred to Capt. Scrugg's Co., Col. Scott's 5th Virginia regiment and marched north. He was in both battles of Trenton, the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He served until Feb. 15, 1778, at which time he was discharged at Valley Forge, Pa. He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he resided in Blount Co., Tenn. and was 64 years old. He died in 1831 in Tenn.

His son, Barnes (1781-1847), was born in Virginia and moved with his father to N. Carolina at age 17 years. Barnes married Sarah McGill in 1800 and moved to Tennessee a

short time afterwards. He joined Miller's Cove Baptist Church in 1812, later constituting a church at Six Mile where he was ordained a deacon. Two daughters and three sons were born before Sarah died. He married Ruth Wallace in 1816 in Blount Co., Tenn. where they remained until they moved to Cass Co., Mo., arriving Oct. 31, 1841. He died after six years. His children by Ruth were six sons and three daughters: David, Joseph, Lawson, James, Arch, Robert, Jincy, Nancy and Caroline.

Lawson (1820-1878) was born near Knoxville, Tenn. Moving to Cass Co. with his father, he married Mahala Jackson in 1848. Six sons and four daughters were born to this union: Adaline, Lillard, Bellzoria, ElDerrado, Gilbert, Mary Ann, Henen, Gordon, Henry and Frank. Lawson died Dec. 4, 1878 at the age of 58 years in Harrisonville. Four days later his wife, Mahala died. Both are buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, south of Harrisonville.

Gilbert (1855-1902), born in Cass County, was married Oct. 12, 1879 to Matilda Jeter (daughter of Littleton and Susan Jeter) by Rev. A. H. Deane. A daughter, Myra, lived for two years. Three years later, Myron Gilbert (1887-1959) was born near Lone Tree, where he grew to young manhood. His father died when M. G. was 15 years old. He assisted his mother with the farm. On Dec. 27, 1905 he married Pearl Magdalene Moore (1888-1918), a daughter of C. H. and Rosa (Kircher) Moore. Four daughters and one son were born before her death from smallpox occurred during World War I. They were:

Irene, married Oren S. Webster, Harrisonville; Mildred (1908-1975), married Trucil T. Hammontree, Harrisonville; Gilbert Houston, married Rebecca Knowlton, now living in Neosho, Mo.; Velma, married Chas. Cook (divorced) now living in Los Altos, California; Margaret, (1914-1932), married Chas. U. Williams, Harrisonville.

Five sons and three daughters were born to Myron G.'s second wife, Mary Taylor (daughter of Ben and Maggie Taylor). One son and one daughter died in infancy. A son, Karl Raymond, died in service. Surviving children are: Lester, Pleasant Hill; Hazel Deavers, Linville; Myron G., Jr., San Jose, California; Archie D., Linville; Virginia and Nellie Elliott, Cameron. His wife, Mary, died in 1936. He was married in 1937 to Clara Greer Robinson Seymour, (daughter of Moses Mackee and Missouri Ann Greer). After his retirement in 1956, they lived in Adrian until his death in 1959. He died in his sleep, Sept. 30 when he was almost 72 years old. He was buried in Crescent Hill Cemetery, near Adrian.

JOHN G. HOLLOWAY

John G. and Sallie (Jacobs) Holloway, born Ky., descendants of Va. settlers from England, settled in Boone Co., Mo., soon after moved to Westport in Jackson Co., Mo., later homesteading land in the SW section of Washington Twp., Jackson Co., not far from the Shawnee Indian Reservation. They organized the Belton Christian Church in their home in 1867.

Their son, Isaac J. Holloway, was born in Ky. 1832 and came to Mo. with his parents when a child. He married first 1852, Jackson Co., Mo., America A. Wilson, born Feb. 9, 1835, Ky., died July 26, 1858; married second 1860, Jackson Co., Mary Ann Keeney. By the first marriage were 3 children: William A. born 1855, Sarah H. born 1856, and Isaac M. born 1857. By the second marriage were 4 children: Samuel R. born 1861, John A. born 1863, E. L. born 1866, and James W. born 1875. Isaac J. Holloway was a charter member of the Belton Christian Church.

William A. Holloway and his half-brother Samuel R. Holloway were prominent farmers in Jackson and Cass Cos., Mo. William A. Holloway farmed the land homesteaded by his grandfather, on which the Richards-Gebaur AFB is located NW of Belton, Mo. In 1904 he built a home in Belton and moved there, continuing his farming, raising livestock and dairy cattle. The home, 108 S. Scott, at the W. end of Main Street, is one of the landmarks of Belton. He was on the Township Board 14 years, on the Belton School Board 12 years, was active in his church and in all things concerning the upbuilding and betterment of Belton.

In 1878 William A. Holloway married Maggie Addie Ambrose born 1863, daughter of J. H. and Mary (Dawley) Ambrose, descendants of a prominent Ky. family who were Va. settlers from England. Mrs. Addie Holloway died 1945, having lived in the home built by her husband in Belton until 1925. They had 6 children, three, who died in childhood, and Mary Iva born 1887, Dot Genevieve born 1894, and William A., Jr. born 1897.

Mary Iva married Chester W. Berry 1910. She died 1970. They lived in Kansas City, Mo. from 1925 on, had one son Thomas H. Berry born 1912, lives in Kansas City, has 3 children Tommy, Carol and Jan. Dot Genevieve married Russell S. Mullen in Belton 1917. She died 1950. They lived in Belton, had 2 daughters Madalyn born 1920 and Mary Jane (Mullen) Faust, 1925-1952, who is survived by 2 children ToniLee and Russell Dean Faust, and by one grandchild, Brett. Madalyn Mullen married first James J. Buchanan who died 1950 leaving a son James Frederick Buchanan born 1940 who married Irene A. Poston 1963, has daughter Carrie Lynn born 1970. Madalyn (Mullen) Buchanan married second Herbert L. Gebert 1951. They all live Belton, Mr. Gebert being retired from U.S. Civil Service and Mr. Buchanan associated with the Citizens Bank of Belton of which his great-grandfather J. E. Mullen and grandfather Russell S. Mullen were former presidents. They are active members of the Belton Christian Church, founded by John G. Holloway.

William A. (June) Holloway, Jr. married Thelma Arlene Walton of Belton in 1922, had 5 children: Sid Walton born Harrisonville, Mo. 1926, died 1930, W. A. III born 1924, Margaret born 1930, Mary Patricia born 1936, and June born 1941. He was prominent in Mo. and national positions, serving as Cass Co. Treasurer 1925 to 1932, as chief clerk in the Mo. State Auditor's office 1933 to 1944, then as Regional Director of General Services Administration from 1950 until his death in 1966.

William A. (Dub) Holloway III married Carol Cutmyer of Butler, Mo. in 1951, has 3 sons Dennis, William A. IV and Stuart. He is Regional Vice-President for Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with All State Insurance Co., lives St. Petersburg, Fla. Margaret Holloway married Robert E. Allen, has daughters Dawn and Leeanne, lives St. Louis, Mo. Mary Patricia Holloway married Douglas Dale Sater of Kansas City, Mo., has 3 children Carol, Cathy and Charles Douglas, lives Bellevue, Wash. June Holloway married Dr. Michael Jacobs 1961, has 3 children, Julie, Jeff and Michelle, lives Indianapolis, Ind.

The James Hoots Family.

CAIN HOOTS

Cain Hoots, born circa 1803, North Carolina, and wife, Sarah Williams, born 1804, Tennessee; died 27 December, 1873, Cass County, Missouri, came from Illinois to Cass County in 1869 with their children, James and Sarah (Hoots) Carr and families.

James, born 25 March, 1830, Illinois, died 9 February, 1904, Archie, Missouri, and wife, Sara (Sally) (?), born 17 October, 1833, Illinois, died 3 October, 1917. James was a farmer and settled in the Western section of Austin Township. James and Sally had 5 children, all born at Nashville, Washington County, Illinois: Thomas Cain, born 11 January, 1853; Ollie Green, 26 December, 1859; Adaline, 28 March, 1863; Mary Louise (Molly), 12 July, 1866 and Henry, 19 January, 1869, died 2 October, 1899.

Thomas was married on 29 December, 1878 to Nellie Royal-Pugh, born 1857, Indiana, died December, 1914. Five children: James Clinton, born September, 1879, Cass County; Fanny Della, 18 September, 1880, Joplin, Missouri; twins, Selwyn (Zelie) and Zora, 18 February, 1886, Zora died in infancy and Carl Enlow, 11 January, 1899. Thomas was a Post Office employee while in Archie. He died 22 July, 1931.

Ollie was married on 5 March, 1879 to William B. Tillison, Jr., born 13 September, 1852, Indiana; son of William B. and Elizabeth (?) Tillison, Sr., one daughter, Nellie Ann (Annie), born 24 December, 1879 at Archie, died 12 July, 1955. William was a farmer West of Archie, Missouri. He died 2 August, 1928; Ollie on 22 March, 1942. Annie never married.

Adaline (Ad) was married to F. Nathan Jesse, born Texas; died 14 August, 1913, Archie, Missouri. They, also, had a farm west of Archie. Nathan had a saloon in that community. Ad died 2 January, 1933. No children.

Molly was married, first, on 14 September, 1884 at Archie, Missouri to Ellis Franklin Hodges, born 11 August, 1856, Scott County, Illinois, died April, 1916. They, too, had a farm west of Archie. Ellis was employed by Henry Taylor, grocer. Two children: Walter Lee, born 18 April, 1886 and Ona, 7 April, 1889; both at Archie. Molly's second marriage was on 1 March, 1904 to Samuel Lawson, born 21 December, 1843. One daughter, Blanche Fay, born 12 July, 1906 at Archie.

Walter was married, first, on 2 February, 1905 at Harrisonville, Missouri to Maggie LouRena (Rena) Haler. Two sons: Franklin, born 20 September, 1906 and Ernest Haler, 7 August, 1914; both born at Archie. Walter was employed by Kansas City Railway and the Katy and Rock Island Railroads. He was also a farmer. Walter was married, second, in 1929 to Mary Miranda Jones-Motley, born 31 March, 1892, died 20 July, 1972; daughter of Henry C. and Ann B. (Lienenger) Jones. Walter died 7 December, 1957.

Ona was married on 5 September, 1913 to William Altum. They had one daughter; Mary Elizabeth, born 19 July, 1918 at Harrisonville, died in infancy. William was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Ona died 19 July, 1918.

Blanche Fay was married on 20 February, 1928 at Independence, Missouri to Homer Lee Foote, born 19 October, 1908, Hutchinson, Kansas; son of Douglas and Mattie (Canote) Foote. Homer is a farmer on land that has been in the family since 1879. Three children: Donald Lee, born 4 February, 1929; Wallace Wayne, 7 August, 1930, died 3 March, 1935 and Janet Lorene, 30 December, 1935.

The Hoots family provided the land that became the town of Archie. A son of Sarah (Hoots) Carr built the first home in Archie and was the town's first Postmaster.

Cain, Sarah, James, Sally, Thomas, Nellie, Henry and Sarah (Hoots) Carr are interred in Everett Cemetery. Ollie, William, Annie, Adaline, Nathan, Molly, Ellis, Walter, Rena, Ona and Mary Elizabeth are in Crescent Hill.

FRED LEE HOPPER

Fred Lee Hopper was born in Humansville, Missouri in 1889 and his wife, Myrtle (McKee) Hopper in Strasburg, Missouri. They were married in 1909. They moved to the Raymore community in 1915, locating on the Pickering Farm where they resided and he was employed in the cattle department until 1930. The Hoppers had one small son, Homer, when they came to the Raymore community. In the next few years four other children were born to them. All the children attended the Raymore school, riding the horse-drawn bus. The Hoppers moved into the town of Raymore in the year of 1930, where Mr. Hopper passed away in 1936.

The oldest son, Homer, married Gladys Butcher in 1929. They are the parents of seven children. A daughter, Beulah, married Eldon Butcher in 1930 and has one son.

After Mr. Hopper passed away, Mrs. Hopper and the three younger children, Wilbur, Orval and Elsie, moved to Belton where she continued to live until her death in 1970. The daughter, Elsie, passed away the same year as her mother, just a month later. Elsie and her husband had one son.

Homer still lives in Raymore with his wife, Gladys. He has lived in and around Raymore for the past 55 years. Wilbur and his wife, Maureen, live in Belton. Orval and his wife, Nina, live in Terrace Lake, Grandview, Missouri. They have three children. Beulah and her husband, Eldon, live on their farm near Strasburg and have one son.

Wilbur, "Jay", as he is known by his friends, is one of the owners of the H. and W. Cabinet Shop. Most of his work is visible in the many new homes in the community.

THOMAS W. HOPPER

Samuel C. Hopper (1880-1954) and brother John T. Hopper (1875-1955) farmed north of Harrisonville, Mo. until their

retirement. Their father, Thomas W. Hopper, came to this country in 1856, one of the eleven children of Thomas and Jane Poad Hopper, who were natives of Scarborough, Yorkshire, England. They sailed aboard the "Ellen Austin," one of three boats leaving together that spring. Two boats were lost in a storm at sea and it was many weeks before news was received at Grandmother Poad's that the one they had sailed on was the boat that crossed safely. It was a five week trip from Liverpool to New York City. They traveled by boat, via Great Lakes to Chicago, then by train to Jacksonville, Illinois.

John T. Hopper.

Samuel C. Hopper.

Thomas W. Hopper (1846-1910) joined Illinois Infantry Co. G. 101, which was formed to fight for the Union during the Civil War. He was wounded in the battle on Lookout Mt. in Tennessee and while still only 18 years of age was with Sherman's March to the Sea. This was while still a British subject, for he did not take out United States citizenship papers until he was 21. Thomas W. Hopper married Lucy Davis (1848-1926) on October 29, 1874 and they farmed in Morgan County, Illinois, where their three sons were born. They were: John T., Willis L. and Samuel C. They moved to Cass County, Mo. in 1883 to property they had bought from relatives of Mrs. Hopper. This was the Sharp farm and it was here, in the original log cabin built in 1835, where their youngest child Annie Ruby was born in 1888.

The family moved back to Illinois in 1891, renting the farm to the Matt Sharp family. Mr. Hopper died in Dec. 1910 and daughter Annie Ruby (1888-1943) married Sylvester Joy Carter (1880-1939) and made her home in Jacksonville, Ill. Mrs. Hopper and sons, Sam and John, moved back to the farm in 1911. Each of these moves had been made in train freight cars, taking one more car each move to handle the increase in machinery and livestock. More land had been purchased while they were in Illinois and from 1911 they lived in the larger home on the south side of the road.

Sam Hopper taught school in Ill., having attended college in Valparaiso, Ind. He continued teaching at Walnut Grove school north of Harrisonville after moving to Mo. He quit after a few years to devote full time to farming but later served on the school board there for 25 years. Neither Sam nor John married.

The only descendants from this family are the children of Sylvester and Annie Hopper Carter: Frances Joy, Mildred Louise and Thomas Herbert.

NEWTON F HOUSTON

Newton F. and Jennie A. (Williams) Houston came to Cass County from Maniteau County, Mo. in April, 1873. They settled on a farm in the Raymore community, known as the Joseph Gilmore farm, half way between Belton and Raymore. A few years later they moved to Raymore where they lived the rest of their lives. They were the parents of four children; William Perry, James, Blanche and Maude, all deceased.

William Perry attended school in Raymore, then entered Warrensburg State Normal School, receiving his degree two years later. He then entered Dixon School of Law at Dixon, Ill. where he received his law degree. He returned to Missouri and taught school for ten years in Maries and Franklin Counties. He was admitted to the bar, September, 1903 and began his practice in Belton where he purchased a law office.

He was elected Cass County's representative in the Missouri Legislature in 1904 and was re-elected in 1906. When he returned to Belton, he served four years as city attorney and was elected mayor in 1911. He served four consecutive terms and was re-elected again in 1921.

W. P. Houston and Family.

Perry married Mary Elizabeth Hiatt in 1895. They were the parents of six children: Esther, Florence, George, William, Myrtle and James.

Esther, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the wife of Moses West. They were the parents of two sons, Kemper and M. L., and five daughters, Harriett, Helen, Florence, Joyce and Lois.

Florence Houston of Green Bay, Wisconsin taught school in Belton and Grandview before moving to Green Bay in 1924, where she taught until she retired.

George, of St. Louis, married Elizabeth DeHart. They are the parents of a son, George Gordon.

James, of Belton, married Pauline Kearney and to this union were born two sons, James David and Spencer K.

Myrtle Houston, (deceased 1971), married Glen Frasure. They were the parents of a daughter, Judith.

William, (deceased 1975), married Mildred Shelton of Belton, Mo.

ALVA B. HOWARD

Alva B. Howard (1883-1951) was born in Ralls County, Missouri; but moved his family to the Raymore community in 1895. In 1906 he married Eliza Barnard and they lived on a farm three miles south of Raymore most of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Howard had five children.

Mary Elizabeth married Ralph Chaffin in 1928 and they lived and farmed in the Raymore community for 43 years. After Ralph's passing in January of 1972, Mary and their son, Jon, and his wife, Mary Helen, continued to farm in this community.

Louise graduated from Raymore High School in 1928 and married Clarence Jones that same year. They have seven children and nineteen grandchildren. They are now retired and live on a farm at Flippin, Arkansas.

Alva (Barney) Howard made the Army his career serving in Australia, New Guinea, Loreak, Japan and Germany. He married an Australian girl, Lesley Joan (Mickey) Wellington in Australia in 1943 and they have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Barney was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Korea in 1951. He served with the Army of Occupation in Japan and in Germany. In World War II he was in command of an Ordnance Company in New Guinea providing direct ordnance support to the 126 Infantry Regiment and the 128 Infantry Regiment of the 32 Red Arrow Infantry Division. Barney retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and now resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

Marion L. (Pat), after serving four years with the Medical Corps in World War II, made his home in California. He married Ada Porter, of the Peculiar community. He retired after twenty-five years of service with the California Research Corporation, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of California. They have three children, Mary Ann, now Mrs. Ronald Olson; Michael and Richard. Their home is now in Flippin, Arkansas.

John W. married Alice Groh, of the Peculiar community. John served for three years in the United States Army Air Force, returned to the farm, changed to manufacturing for a number of years and is now vice president of the Bank of Belton, Missouri. Alice and John have one daughter, Linda (Mrs. Jerry Barr) and she has two children.

WESLEY DONALD HUBACH, SR.

Wesley Donald Hubach, Sr., and his wife, Charlene (Hays) were married in January of 1947 and live on the farm where Donald was born. Except for two years when he attended Missouri University, and three years overseas with the Air Force in England and France in World War II, Donald has lived on the family farms in the southeast of Raymore.

While in his early teens, Donald took over the operation of the family's 320 acre farm. His father's family were not farmers by profession or inclination and his grandfather Skinner, General Agent of the Aetna Life Company, had almost no experience with farming except for his early years when he had raised cucumbers in Chicago and sold them to the Heinz Pickle Company to be a part of their 57 Varieties.

Even so, Donald and his father raised prize winning registered Herefords for many years. When the children, Jocelyn and Wesley, Jr., entered 4-H Donald switched to registered Angus and the children won several first prizes at the county level for their animals.

Today, Donald is the developer of the Jwedea Subdivision while his cattle operations are carried on at a large ranch in Benton County. Donald is secretary-treasurer and board member of the Raymore Township Fire Protection District, a trustee in St. Paul's United Methodist Church and chairman of the Raymore Board of Adjustments. In addition he has been active in Democratic politics.

Both Donald and Charlene are charter members of the Raymore Betterment Association; Donald serving a term as president. He is also a charter member of the Raymore Lions Club.

In 1961 Charlene returned to the University and in 1971, after ten years of night classes, was graduated from Missouri University at Kansas City with a degree in Urban Affairs with emphasis on city planning. She is a member of the Administrative Board of the Cass County Red Cross, a charter member and past president of the Garden Club, presently a member of the Raymore Park and Recreation Board and, since November of 1971, Postmaster of Raymore. In 1969 Charlene received a Governor's Leadership Award for her civic activities.

The Hubachs are the parents of four children, Jocelyn Hubach Walker, 24, a chemical engineer employed in Kansas City; Wesley, Jr., 22, a graduate of Western Military Academy with a tour in the United States Navy; Dessa Peyton, 20, a student in the School of Agriculture of Missouri University at Columbia and Clay, 14, already an outstanding cook. Wesley, Jr.'s experiences in the Navy have ranged from taking part in underwater atomic blasts, blockading the North Vietnamese coast and picking up the first astronauts to land on the moon to fishing Cambodian dignitarires out of the water when they fell overboard.

"WHAT A MAN DOES FOR HIMSELF DIES WITH HIM.
WHAT HE DOES FOR HIS COMMUNITY LIVES FOREVER."

WESLEY WALTER HUBACH

Early in the year of 1920 Wesley and Florence Hubach came from Kansas City, Missouri to make their home on a 320 acre farm located on the south half of Section 23 in Raymore Township. With them came their daughter, May, who was enrolled in the first grade of the Raymore School.

It would be hard to imagine two people less prepared to begin a life on the farm. Neither Wesley or Florence had the most remote experience with farm life. An avid reader, all Florence knew of "country living" was what she had read in the romantic novels of the day. She was the daughter of a prominent Kansas City insurance company executive, Dessa Moses Skinner and his wife, Mary Clark Skinner, who traced her ancestry back to the American Revolutionary War years. A gentle person, Florence was accustomed to servants most of her life and was the product of the Monticello College Finishing School in Alton, Illinois.

Wesley, one of nine children, made his living as a musician as did two of his brothers. Their parents, Frederick and Katherine Hubach, had come from Germany, settled first in West Virginia and finally in Kansas City. Frederick owned the Hubach Cabinet Company, a firm engaged in furniture and fixture making. Fixtures in the old Harvey House and Wolferman store in Kansas City were from his shop. Also, many articles of fine furniture treasured by Kansas City families and by his great grandchildren were crafted by Frederick Hubach.

Early in 1921 a son was born to Wesley and Florence, and this son, Wesley Donald, was, in time, to bring his wife Charlene (Hays) and their four children to a new home built close to where the original farm home once stood. In the summer of 1921 Wesley's father died and he took his family back to Kansas City for a year to help with the family business. But the young people loved the farm, so the business was sold and back they came to the farm.

Wesley Hubach's farm home was a composite of three houses that had been joined together. The home had been occupied by Fred and Verda Lawrence prior to the Hubachs' coming. Wesley used to say that all he knew about farming was taught him by Fred Lawrence. The farm had some excellent farm buildings and each of the three main barns had running water throughout. However, the house did not have running water until many years later because it was the early wish of Florence to "rough it" as early settlers had done. So it was a time of coal oil lamps, outdoor plumbing, coal and wood stoves and square dances in the loft of the cattle barn.

Visiting relatives came by train and were met at Raymore's depot with the surrey, or if the roads were bad, a wagon. And those roads were incredible. May remembers how she usually rode to school on horseback with little brother seated behind her. On one particularly cold day, "little Donny," naturally chubby, was almost immobilized by the many layers of clothing his mother had put on him. While riding behind his sister, he fell off and neither May or the accompanying neighbor boy were able to hoist him back on. He ended up walking while they rode on. Hoboes used to follow the railroad track which ran diagonally through the farm, stopping by the house where Florence always fed them.

Wesley had studied voice and sang professionally in Kansas City and in Chicago with the Chicago Metropolitan Opera. Although he farmed the home place and managed an additional 320 acres owned by his father-in-law, his first love remained music. His beautiful and powerful baritone voice was well known over Cass County. Neighbors who used to trade farm help with him remember how he would drop his work, whether he was working for himself or his neighbors, harvest time or not, when asked to sing. He never asked for or accepted fees for sharing his talent.

Florence's hospitality was well known, for she felt any visitor to the home was hungry and must be fed before going on his way. After Wesley's death she moved to a home on Adams Street in Raymore where she lived until her death in 1958.

May Hubach married Nolan Fielding Davis, of Boaz, Alabama. They had two children, Wesley Jay and Elizabeth Ann. The latter, now Mrs. Larry Brandenburg, lives with her husband and daughter, Kristy Elizabeth, in Plymouth, Michigan. May, now a widow, lives in Mission, Kansas.

Jay, who, with his father, started a chain of auto parts stores, lives with, wife, Nancy and four daughters in Overland Park, Kansas.

FRANK HUBER

Frank Huber, born at Lancaster, Penn. in 1847, came to Missouri in 1870 and settled at Lee's Summit. In 1872 he purchased 153 acres one mile north of Belton. He followed farming and general stock raising, increasing his acreage. At his death in 1931, the farm totaled four hundred acres. The original farm is still in the family today, with the exception of the acreage taken for the four lane 71 Highway.

Frank Huber married Catherine Barr in 1875. They had four children; Bertha (d.), Benjamin (d.), Mary Yocom and Mattie Sams.

Benjamin married Rena Cunningham and they were the parents of three children: Frank C. Huber (d.) married Ida Allen Jones and she resides in Lee's Summit. They have two children, Richard and Susan. Susan married Robert Head and they are the parents of two children, Pam and Kathy; Ben Huber (d.) married Orpha Biles of Belton and they have a daughter Marsha, who is a resident of Belton; Margaret Huber married Patrick H. Miller and they are the parents of two children, Patrick H., Jr., and Patricia. Margaret's family live in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mary married Terril H. Yocom and they have one son, Terrill Huber Yocom. He married Alica Beal and they are residents of Kansas City. Mary lived in Kansas City before moving to John Knox Village.

Mattie married John L. Sams and lived in Belton before moving to John Knox Village in recent years. John Sams was co-owner of the original Garnett & Sams Drug Store which became Sams & Meadors. They have one daughter, Mary Catherine, who was a resident of Belton until moving to John Knox Village.

Huber was one of ten early Belton settlers who borrowed eleven thousand dollars to buy the 1870 township railroad bonds. He contributed $1,000 toward the construction of the first rock road from Belton to Kansas City. He was also president of the Bank of Belton from 1914 to 1926.

LEWIS B. HUFF

Lewis B. (Berdine) Huff, born between 1814 and 1815 in New York, married Lucinda Nugent/Newgent, who was born about 1813 in Indiana, daughter of Benedict and Lucinda Nugent/Newgent. There were nine known children born to this couple: Sarah, born about 1836 Indiana, married #1 Spurgeon #2 John Gotshall June 21, 1863; Jane (Jennie), born Jan. 29, 1839, near Terre Haute, Vigo, Indiana, married #1 George Washington Stumbaugh Oct. 24, 1857, #2 John E. Sawyer July 6, 1865, #3 William Harris March 13, 1881; Rebecca R., born about 1842 Indiana, married #1 Joseph R. Phillips Oct. 15, 1857, #2 Charles R. McCory Sept. 15, 1864; Permelia, born about 1843 Indiana, married James A. Smith Dec. 10, 1865; Julia Ann, born about 1845-6, married David Frederick Nov. 21, 1860; Lucinda, born about 1846-8 Indiana; Bennett N., born about 1849 Indiana; James M., born about 1851 Indiana; and Laura, born about 1854, married Joseph N. Chiswell.

Lewis B. came to Cass County between 1852 and 1855 with his family. His wife's brother, Andrew G. Newgent/Nugent,

Jane Huff Sawyer, daughter of Lewis B. Huff.

came to Cass County also. In 1857 L. B. opened the second business house in Austin. During the Civil War, L. B. moved his family to Kansas City, Missouri, to live. Three of his daughters were widowed during the war, Sarah, Jane and Rebecca, and they returned with their children to live with him. In 1865 he was running the Farmers Hotel and his daughters had remarried by this time, and all the relatives were returning to Cass County, in the neighborhood of Harrisonville and Austin. Lewis B. returned to his home in Austin. After the war the Baptist Church was reorganized and some of the first names were L. B. and Lucinda Huff. Lucinda's brother was a Baptist minister and circuit rider.

Lewis B. Huff was a very fine man and reported to have been the wealthiest man in Cass County. L. B. contracted for and laid the turnpike road from Philadelphia to New York City, it was a plank road. That is where he got his start financially. L. B. paid the highest taxes in Cass County. He had an estate left him in France which he wanted badly to go and get settled, but "grandmother Huff (his wife) whimpered and just refused to let him go" so he let it drift and never did anything about it. L. B. owned land in Kansas City where the old Convention Hall was.

Lewis B. and Lucinda's names were on the Baptist Church roll through 1872 and they were deceased by letter 1873. L. B. is buried in a grove on one of his farms near Austin. Some of his descendants stayed in Austin.

HOWARD HUGGINS

Benjamin F. Huggins was born in Tennessee and married Amanda Hundley from Kentucky. Their son George F. Huggins (1854-1929) was born near Kickapoo, Kansas. There were other children.

George married Mary Ann Browning (1859-1946) of New Market, Missouri, daughter of Mariah C. (Duncan) and George W. Browning. To this union seven children were born. Lora, Herchal and Hazel died in infancy. Bertha E. (Stout) still living in Florida, Lillian S. (Toulouse) (1885-1965), Howard F. Huggins (1888-1959) and Willard B. Huggins (1890-1973), all were born in Stillwell, Kansas.

George Huggins moved to Belton, Missouri in 1897 and lived here until 1929. He served as night watchman and Marshal of Belton for several years in the early 1900's. His oldest son, Howard Huggins, married Laura B. St. Clair in 1912. They were the parents of Woodward F. (1913-1914) Oscar H., Thaisa L., Geraldine, Gladys E., Robert E. and James William (Bill).

Howard Huggins and family moved to 808 South Cedar, Belton, Missouri, in 1914 and lived there 54 years. Five of his children and one granddaughter were born in this house.

Howard and Willard formed the Huggins Transfer Company in Belton in 1909. They continued this partnership until 1916 when Howard became sole owner. He was forced to give it up during the flu epidemic in 1918. He then worked for John Berry, owner of a feed store.

Howard was Superintendent of the Belton Water and Sewer Department and the only salaried employee until 1950. He would have completed 25 years of service to the City of Belton in April 1959 but passed away in March of that year.

The Howard Huggins family tree now has 18 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Howard's oldest son Oscar was married to Bernice Beatty in 1941. They had two children, Dean H. and Mary Ann. Oscar served four years in General Patton's 3rd Army as a Sergeant in Recon-Communications and now lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Families of Willard and Howard Huggins.

Thaisa L. married Thomas Gilby (1910-1955) in 1933. Two children were born to this union, Donna J. Rhodes and James R. Thaisa married Owen L. Stidham in 1957. They have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, making five generations. Thaisa has lived in Belton for 59 years.

Geraldine married Paul R. Handley in 1937. Their children are Judy L. (Hess) and Donald A. They have five grandchildren. Geraldine lived in Cass County for 37 years and now lives in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Gladys E. married George R. Raupp in 1942. They have two adopted children, Jill E. Noyce and Thomas W. Gladys lived in Cass County 18 years and now lives in Leawood, Kansas.

Robert E. Huggins married Louise M. Gibler in 1945. They have two children, Peggy S. Treese and Robert E. They have three grandchildren. Robert has lived in Cass County 51 years.

James married Nancy J. Barron in 1950. They had three children, Kenneth V., Melissa Kay and Karen S. He later married Colene Calhoun in 1964. They have three grandchildren. James served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He lived in Cass County 28 years.

Howard's wife, Laura St. Clair, was the daughter of John W. St. Clair (1853-1922) and Elizabeth Zimmerman (1878-

1916). They had seven children. Alice Janette (1879-1954), T. Clinton (1881-1910), Charley (1886-1966), W. Claude (1889-1960), Laura B. (living), Ethel M. (1893-1940's), Thurman (1896-1926). The family lived in Cass County for over 25 years.

George Huggins' youngest son, Willard B., married Reba E. Roberts in 1913. Two children were born to this union, Corrine and W. B., Jr. Corrine has two children, Judith A. and Chester, Jr. and now lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

W. B. was killed in Germany, while serving as Co-Pilot to the 550th Bomb Squadron-Group, in the 8th Air Force on a B-17 flying fortress bomber in World War II.

Ben B. Hunt.

BEN B. HUNT

Ben B. Hunt, son of Noah Hunt, was born at Lone Jack, Missouri September 25, 1871. He received his schooling there. He and Anna Whitsitt were married and lived in Lone Jack until 1897, when they moved to Pleasant Hill where their son, Ardath, was born. After the death of his wife, Ben moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he became a founder of the Davis-Hunt Grain Company and was president of same for ten years until 1930. He continued as a business associate of the firm until his death. After the Hunt Mill in Pleasant Hill was sold, Ben and his brother, Robert, built and operated a grain elevator in Harrisonville, until 1946 when it was sold. During the time he operated the elevator, he lived in Harrisonville. He was a member of the Christian church. Ben died October 8, 1957 and is buried beside his wife in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. His son, Ardath, died in September of 1975. His granddaughter, Jessie Ann (Hunt) Lopez and his great-granddaughter live in Kansas City, Missouri.

HORACE M. "BUCK" HUNT

Horace M. (Buck) Hunt was born December 27, 1899 to Charles C. and Henrietta M. Hunt at Lockwood, Mo. He attended the schools there and graduated from University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri in 1924 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He returned to Lockwood and farmed with an older brother and taught school four years in the Lockwood schools.

On September 6, 1933 he was married to Inez Hagler of Miller, Mo., and the following December he joined the University Extension Division working in Dallas County as County Agent. June 1934 he and his wife moved to Harrisonville where he served as Cass County Extension Agent until his retirement in 1969. At that time he was the Senior County Agent and had trained 24 other County Agents.

Mr. Hunt took an active part in the community. He was a member of the Harrisonville Youth and Civic Association board and received many honors from community leaders for his work with youth and in extension training. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce board and a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club, the Cass Masonic Lodge and was active in United Fund Campaigns.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were members of the United Methodist church where he served on the board and Mrs. Hunt gave her talent in music. She is one of the outstanding music teachers in the county.

Mr. Hunt received distinguished service awards from the Missouri and National County agents associations and Epsilon Sigma Phi, a national honorary extension fraternity. He also was the recipient of a superior service award from the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture.

In July 1954, Mr. Hunt was honored for twenty years of outstanding service to Cass County at a gathering at the football field in Harrisonville where a "This Is Your Life, Buck Hunt" program was given with many tributes from associates and friends and a new car, the gift of people all over the county, was presented to him.

At the time of his retirement as extension agent for 35 years in Cass County, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were honor guests at a reception attended by more than 250 people. In recognition of his dedication, a plaque was presented to him and a new color television was a gift to help him and Mrs. Hunt enjoy their leisure hours.

Mr. Hunt died in December, 1974 and a scholarship fund was set up in his memory by his many friends.

J. Marion Hunt.

J. MARION HUNT

J. Marion Hunt, son of Noah Hunt, was born at Lone Jack, Missouri on March 20, 1858. When he was a small boy his family was forced to leave their home during the war between the states because of Order No. 11. They went to Richmond, Missouri where his sister, Betty (Hunt) Trundle, was born. When the family returned to Lone Jack, he finished his schooling there. In February, 1880 he married Bertha Williams, who had moved from Ohio with her father, Thomas Williams and three sisters, to the High Point District, south of Lone Jack. Marion worked for his father, Noah Hunt, as a miller in Lone Jack and for Charles Schrock of Oak Grove.

He was a member of the Shuttleworth Baptist Church, in Pleasant Hill, serving as deacon for many years. He was a Mason, Odd Fellow and Modern Woodman. He also served on the Pleasant Hill city council for several years. Marion and Bertha Hunt had four children: Alice (Hunt) Parker, who passed away in November 1918, leaving one daughter, Marian, who married Winifred Albright; Irene Hunt, who lives with her niece, Marian (Parker) Albright, in Kansas City; Noah Hunt, of Yucaipa, California and Helen Hunt, who passed away December 1918. Marion Hunt died May 14, 1933 and Bertha Hunt died in July of 1934. They and their two daughters are buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

The Hunt Milling Co. in Pleasant Hill about 1909.

NOAH HUNT

J. Marion Hunt, Ben B. Hunt and Robert T. Hunt were the sons of Noah and Nancy (Cave) Hunt, of Lone Jack, Missouri. Their grandfather, Nathan Hunt, was born in North Carolina and brought his family to Missouri from Davey County in 1835. They settled five miles north of Lone Jack at Sni Mills. He was a miller and built a mill on his place. It was a horse tread mill, one of the first grist mills in this section. Pioneers brought their corn and wheat to be made into flour and meal. He died about 1875.

Noah Hunt, son of Nathan Hunt, began to operate his father's mill at 18 years of age. He married Nancy Cave, daughter of Galen Cave, pioneer settler of Lone Jack. They were the parents of twelve children, five girls and seven boys. Noah bought a carding mill from Miller Easley and built a grist mill in connection with the carding machine. This was a horse tread mill and was destroyed in the war between the states. In 1870 he moved east of Lone Jack and built a new grist mill and installed a carding machine. In the 1880s it was remodeled as a roller steam mill to make soft wheat flour which sold for $1.25 per 100 pounds weight. In 1897 Noah Hunt moved his operation to Pleasant Hill to be near the railroad. Three of his sons, Marion, Ben and Bob came to Pleasant Hill to manage the mill. Noah's wife, Nancy Cave Hunt, died March 17, 1879 and is buried in the Lone Jack Cemetery. He married Mrs. Mary E. Travis on September 13, 1880. She was the widow of R. Travis and was a devoted wife and mother to Noah and his large family. Noah was a faithful member of the Lone Jack Baptist Church and served as moderator for thirty years, and as trustee for fifty-six years. He died November 22, 1908 and is buried in the Lone Jack Cemetery on a lot that is located on the land he gave to the cemetery. The three Hunt brothers, Marion, Ben and Robert purchased the mill from their father in 1906, giving it the name of Hunt Brothers' Milling Company. Modern machinery was installed and Marion made the flour, Ben managed the office and Bob managed the grain elevator. This mill was in operation until it was sold to Moundridge Milling Company in 1934.

ROBERT TROY HUNT

Robert Troy Hunt, son of Noah Hunt, was born in Lone Jack, Missouri on January 11, 1874. He was the youngest son of the twelve children of Noah and Nancy (Cave) Hunt. He attended grammar school at Lone Jack and Normal School at Warrensburg, Missouri where he studied voice under Prof. Wadell. From the days when he was a member of the string band in Lone Jack, he loved music and had a talent for it. He formed orchestras and played in bands and for silent movies and sang for many community events. Robert Hunt came to Pleasant Hill in 1897 to help operate his father's mill. June 22, 1909 Robert Hunt and Alice McCalley of Corning, Iowa were married. Her parents came from Indiana to Corning where she spent her childhood and received her education. Her father, James P. McCalley, served three years in the cavalry of the Union Army during the Civil War. Mrs. Hunt came to Pleasant Hill as a milliner for the new ladies' millinery department at the Oppenheimer Department Store.

After the Hunt Brothers sold their mill in 1934, Robert and Ben Hunt built and operated a grain elevator in Harrisonville. In 1946 they sold the elevator to Lawrence Armstrong. Desiring to remain active, Mr. Hunt stayed as an employee of the new owner for about ten years. Mr. Hunt was a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill. He took an active part in civic affairs and served on the Pleasant Hill school board.

Robert Hunt died April 17, 1964. He and his great-grandson, Tim Knorpp McClintock, are buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. His widow, Alice, lives at the John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Missouri. A daughter, Mrs. J. Chester Knorpp (Roberta), lives in Pleasant Hill. Another daughter, Mrs. William C. Davidson (Annette), lives at Raytown, Missouri. A grandson, James C. Knorpp II, a granddaughter, Mrs. Joe Henry McClintock (Helen Jo Knorpp), son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chester Knorpp; a great-grandson, Joe Chester McClintock, son of Helen Jo; and a great-granddaughter, Rhonda Kay Knorpp, daughter of James C. II, all live in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

EMILE M. HUNZIKER

Emile M. Hunziker was a farmer and blacksmith, born May 22, 1855, in Germany. When sixteen he obtained a passport in Berne, Switzerland, and left his native land and came to this country with John Lusher locating near West Line, Missouri.

He married Ora Ann Gardner, born September 17, 1860, daughter of John W. Bingham (October 6, 1832-December 27, 1910) and his wife Julie (January 18, 1827-December 24, 1904) Freeman Cemetery, on October 6, 1880. To them were born six children, Ruby (Mrs. George N. Twyman) (November 29, 1881-April 20, 1949); La Vada Bell (Mrs. Harve Loveland) July 22, 1884; Sidney Harlow (December 8, 1887-March 18, 1944); Hazel (Mrs. John Showalter) (October 30, 1891-February 19, 1930); Rudolph Arthur, February 20, 1894; and Edna Verlia (Mrs. James Lacy) January 27, 1898-January 20, 1944).

Mr. Hunziker, familiarly known as "John", was a wagon maker and blacksmith by trade. He began in a wagon factory in Louisburg, Kansas. Three years later he located at Old Brosley, where he worked as a blacksmith. A few years later he moved with his family to Rosier. In the summer of 1900, he took his family to Colorado by wagon, but returned from Pueblo as they did not like it there.

When Drexel was first laid out he opened a blacksmith shop, and for years was known far and near as the good blacksmith. Their daughter Hazel was the first baby born in Drexel.

In 1907 he retired and moved to a farm east of Sharon. The following year, he lost his wife on April 16, 1908. He returned to Drexel in 1919 and made his home with his son Sidney until his death December 9, 1925, buried in Sharon Cemetery near Drexel. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Louisburg, Kansas.

Descendants are:

1. Ruby Stella Hunziker (November 29, 1881-December 20, 1965); married George Nelson Twyman (January 1, 1857-April 22, 1949) on December 4, 1901. Their children are: Louis Emily Twyman, born October 26, 1902, married Dorothy and their son Richard died; Elsie May Twyman (May 15, 1904-July 11, 1969) married Luther Fairman (1885-1950), had one child, Nina Marie Simmons; Evalee Twyman (April 29, 1907-November 21, 1909); Bernice Nina Twyman, born May 26, 1911, married James Nelson, and their children are Donald James, Edwin Eugene, Goldie Mae Twyman Soathoff and Doris Marie Twyman Sherman; George Ervin Twyman (December 22, 1912-April 18, 1939) married Fern Tatman, and their children are: Lorene Rose Twyman Morris, Donna May Twyman Angell, Dennis Ray Twyman and Shirley Ann Twyman Robertson.

2. La Vada Bell Hunziker, born July 22, 1884, married Harve Loveland (see Harve E. Loveland Sketch).

3. Sidney Harlow Hunziker, born Dec. 8, 1887, died March 18, 1944, married Freda Edna Massey, born Sept. 16, 1909, died Nov. 8, 1966. Children: Evelyn Hunziker (July 2, 1910-July 15, 1963) married Lynne Steele (March 12, 1911-Oct. 21, 1972); Opal Hunziker (Feb. 2, 1912-Oct. 19, 1966) married Chester Bullock. Children: Sidney Eugene Bullock and Susie Elfreda Bullock Spruytte; Doris Hunziker married Arthur Purvis. Children: Carol Purvis, Avalee Purvis Stark, Bruce Purvis and Roy Purvis.

4. Hazel Viola Hunziker, born Oct. 30, 1891, died Feb. 19, 1930, married John E. Showalter Dec. 12, 1914; son, John Jr.

5. Rudolph Arthur Hunziker, born Feb. 20, 1894, married March 3, 1915, Lela Mills (Sept. 9, 1894-Aug. 29, 1935). Children: Arnold Emile Hunziker; Amos L. Hunziker (Dec. 20, 1922-Dec. 12, 1975); Ralph Hunziker (Aug. 23, 1927-Dec. 12, 1931); Rudolph married Ida Husky (born Oct. 27, 1912) in 1940. Children: Peggy (Husky) Endfield; Mary Teresa (Hunziker) Addleman and Steven H. Hunziker.

6. Edna Verlia Hunziker (Jan. 27, 1898-Jan. 20, 1944) married James R. Lacy, Jr. on Oct. 10, 1917. Children: James Emile Lacy married Jessie Massey Watson in 1967, Jessie died in 1968; La Vaun Lacy married Lyle Young and had two sons, Steven and Donald.

GEORGE EARL HUTSON

George Earl Hutson, son of Albert Harvey and Alice (Thompson) Hutson was born on Sept. 30, 1910 in Harwood, Mo. He attended school at Walker, Mo. On Aug. 15, 1934 in Hume, Mo., he married Norma Dolores Pearson, daughter of Fillmore S. and Laura Marie (Todd) Pearson. She was born June 23, 1917. They have two children; Norman Carl (Jack) Hutson born April 6, 1936, and Willa Jeane, born May 19, 1940. Before moving to Harrisonville in 1952, they lived in Pleasanton, Kansas, Butler, Mo. and Bonner Springs, Kansas. George was a meat cutter and Dolores a meat wrapper at Scavuzzo's Super Market before retiring in 1975. Their home at 204 East Polk, Harrisonville, is well known in the community for its beautiful yard and flowers, for which they have won various awards. They are members of the Harrisonville Baptist Church.

Willa Jeane graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1958, and married Larry Dean Hellwig, son of Fred and Jane Hellwig on June 7, 1959. They have two children; Kimberly Ann, born March 30, 1960, and Kelly Lee, born Sept. 4, 1964. They are presently living in Manchester, Mo.

Norman Carl (Jack) Hutson graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1954. On June 6, 1954, he and Shirley Jean Bourland were married. They have two children; Shannon Wayne, born March 9, 1955 and Shawna Jeanne, born October 20, 1958. He has been a meat cutter for Scavuzzo's Super Market since 1954. He served as a Volunteer Fireman on the Harrisonville Fire Department from 1956 to 1972, a First Aid Instructor from 1961 to 1972, Boy Scout leader during various periods from 1954 to 1968, a City Councilman from 1966 to 1970, and a member of the Harrisonville Booster Club. Shirley is employed by Crouch, Crouch, Spangler and Douglas, a law firm in Harrisonville, as a legal assistant. She is a member of the Mary Sibley Chapter DAR, The Cass County Historical Society, has served on various committees, and held various offices in the Harrisonville Pre-School PTA, the Harrisonville Elementary PTA, the Cass County Arts and Crafts Association, was a Girl Scout, Brownie and Cub Scout Leader and Assistant from 1963 to 1972, taught Sunday School class from 1962 to 1970 at the Harrisonville Christian Church, where they are members.

Shannon Wayne Hutson graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1973. He attended CMSU during 1973 and 1974, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda Social Fraternity. He is the third generation meat cutter at Scavuzzo's Super Market.

Shawna Jeanne is presently a Senior at the Harrisonville High School.

DANIEL C. IDOL

Daniel Christian Idol was born in Guilford County, N.C., December 23, 1851, in a colonial cabin on the Guilford Court House battle grounds near Greensboro, N.C. He was the son of John and Charity Ann Huff Idol. John was a minister and later served as a captain in the Confederate Army.

The originator of the Idol family in the United States, according to traditional records, was Johan Eytle or Barnett Idol, as the name later became, who landed at Philadelphia, Penn., from the German ship "St. Andrew", which sailed from Rottersdam via Portsmouth, England, Sept. 23, 1752. He settled in Buck County, Pa., where he and Elizabeth Meier (Myer) were married. The family moved to North Carolina in 1776. The Salem, Pa., early records spell the name as Eitel, and the 1790 census spells it Idle. The name was spelled phonetically, and several years later the spelling became Idol, which it has remained.

The marriage of Dan Idol and Miss Nancy Caroline Ross, daughter of Wilborn and Adah (Perkins) Ross, took place Feb. 15, 1874 at Mouth of Wilson, Va. Idol was a carpenter and cabinet maker and built a home on the bank of Wilson Creek where it enters New River. The house still stands. It is octagon shape, the lower floor built on a huge rock foundation at the base of the hill and the upper floor built into the hill top. Five of the Idols' seven children were born in this house.

Times were lean in 1882, and leaving his family in Virginia, Idol and four other men went to Ruby Hill, Nev., where they did carpenter work for a mine for a year. When the mine went bankrupt, they went to Salt Lake City where there was plenty of work, and Dan stayed there until 1884.

Visiting relatives in Belton in 1884, Dan thought that town a pleasant place and sent for his family. A contractor and builder, Idol followed this business for six years, and then purchased The Cass County Leader, a newspaper in Belton which he published a number of years. Disposing of it, he later purchased The Belton Herald, and from that time until 1924 the name Idol was synonymous with newspaper in Belton.

As a contractor-carpenter, Dan C. Idol ranked with the best, and for many years enjoyed a business partnership with George W. Ferrell. Several schools and many homes were built by these men and are monumental to their efforts. His later years were spent refinishing antique furniture and making new pieces by hand. Many homes in Cass County have footstools and tables of intricate inlay work, products of his talent. Several of his pieces were shown in the Missouri display at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933.

Four of the Idol children grew to adulthood. Three sons, Edgar Ross, Sidney Clyde and Roy Clarence, all assisted their father in the newspaper and followed that profession later. One daughter, Nancy Ruth, married James R. Campbell in Belton, and they made a home for her father in his late years. Nancy (Ross) Idol died May 24, 1926, and Dan Idol died Sept. 8, 1941.

Dan C. Idol is remembered in the newspaper profession as an editorialist who ranked high with the best of his time. He constructed his editorials as he did his best buildings, for the foundation principal is the same.

EDGAR R. IDOL

Edgar Ross Idol, many years a newspaperman in Belton, Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville, was born April 25, 1875 at Mouth of Wilson, Grayson County, Va. His parents were Daniel C. and Nancy Idol. The mother, Nancy Caroline Ross, was born, reared and married at Mouth of Wilson, and was the sixth of eight daughters and three sons born to Wilborn and Adah (Perkins) Ross. Wilburn Ross's grandfather, Reuben Ross, was of the Ross Clan of Scotland, and came to America soon after the battle of Culloden.

Barnett Idol, the root of the American family by that name, came on an immigrant ship to Philadelphia. Like many, he was unable to pay his passage over the ocean and was sold "over the block" to pay for that service. William Myers, a Pennsylvania farmer, bought him and took him down to a Moravian settlement. At the end of a year he had paid his debt and married the farmer's daughter, Elizabeth. Two of his sons, Jacob and Matthias, were in the Continental Army and marched with Greene from Guilford Courthouse to Yorktown. Edgar R. Idol was of the sixth generation descending from Barnett.

Daniel C. Idol and his wife, Nancy, brought their family from Virginia to Belton, Mo., in 1884 when Edgar was eight years old. When he was 12 years old his father bought the town paper, The Cass County Leader, and that ended Edgar's formal schooling. He and his two younger brothers did practically all the mechanical and much of the editorial work on that paper until he was 25 years old.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Shouse and Edgar R. Idol were married June 26, 1900. She was the oldest daughter of James M. and Harriett (Lamar) Shouse. Mr. Shouse was a farmer and banker, serving as president of the Citizen's Bank in Belton. Mrs. Idol was educated at Liberty Ladies' College in Liberty, Mo., and the Normal School at Warrensburg. She had just completed teaching a term at Belton when they were married.

Mr. Idol bought a half interest in the Cass County Leader at Harrisonville, and they set up housekeeping in that town. After six months with the Leader, Idol sold his interest to his partner, Hal C. Daniel. Soon afterwards, Idol bought the Cass County Democrat from Marens and Shepherd and issued it from the fall of 1901 to 1905, when he sold the plant to Homer J. Clark and moved to Pleasant Hill. There he published the Local until he was appointed postmaster by President Woodrow Wilson in February, 1913, an office he filled for nine years.

Upon relinquishing the postmastership, Idol immediately purchased the old paper, the Cass County Democrat, and the paper was published by Mr. and Mrs. Idol and members of their family until its sale in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Idol were the parents of six children: Harriett Ruth married Victor Young, and they now live in Leitchfield, Ky.; Edgar Shouse married Katherine Grubb of Birmingham, Ala., and they live in Scottsdale, Ariz.; they have a son, William Ross, and a daughter, Jane Lamar Stapleton, and four grandchildren. James Daniel married Gladys Lile; they had a son, James D., Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter, Carol, who married Hale Montgomery, and they live in Arlington, Va., with their daughters, Anne and Patricia. James D. Idol now lives in Jefferson City with his wife, Sue. Elizabeth Ross married Walter W. Yoss, and she lives in Appleton City, Mo., which was their home before his death. Twin daughters, Margaret B. and Frances Lee were the youngest members of this family. Margaret married Everett E. Wade and they live in Harrisonville. Frances married Thomas W. Chamberlain and they lived in Bethesda, Md., being the parents of four children: Thomas W., Jr., Martin Ross, Peter and Margaret. Frances (Idol) Chamberlain died April 3, 1972. Edgar R. Idol died May 7, 1944, and Elizabeth (Shouse) Idol died July 11, 1950.

BOONE INGELS, JR.

Boone Ingels, Jr., was born November 3, 1918 at Windermere Farm, Pleasant Hill, the son of Boone Ingels, Sr. and Dorothy Buckner Ingels. The name, Boone Ingels, derived from the joining of two early American families. James Ingels, Sr. came from England in the early 1700's. His son, James Ingels, Jr., married Catherine Boone about 1777. They settled in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Boone Ingels I was born in 1784. Catherine Boone was a cousin of Daniel Boone, Kentucky pioneer, descendants of George Boone and Mary Maudridge Boone who came from England in 1717.

Boone Ingels, Jr. resides on a farm dating back to his great-grandfather, Dr. John T. Russell, who purchased the first tract on October 8, 1877. By July 4, 1883, he had accumulated 480 acres into one tract, as well as other land. (See *History of Cass and Bates Counties, Mo. — 1883)* Boone Jr. acquired 400 acres of the unimproved portion, now commonly known as Ingelside Farm.

Boone, Jr. was educated in the public schools of Pleasant Hill, University of Missouri, and the Weaver School of Real Estate. He is a farmer, a real estate broker, and a representative of Dekalb Ag Research, Inc. He was employed in 1946 as Loan and Performance Supervisor by the U.S.D.A. with the Cass County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services, now serving as vice-chairman of the County Committee; active member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lay Leader; president of the Pleasant Hill Board of Education, elected to the board in 1957; Pleasant Hill Historical Society; Honorary Fellow Harry S. Truman Library Institute; National Association of the Smithsonian Institute; Founder Fellow of International Institute of Community Service (Cambridge, England); National Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen, serves on the Executive Board of the Missouri Association; past president of West Central Missouri District Fair; recipient of Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award, 1972; International Institute of Community Service Diploma of Honor Award, February 1, 1975, London, England. Name appears in other publications: 1973-74 Edition and 1975-76 Bicentennial Edition of *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans;* 1975 Edition of *International Who's Who in Community Service* (London, England).

The Boone Ingels, Jr. Family.

On January 1, 1949, Boone, Jr. married Dorothy Park at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, daughter of the Rev. John Edwards Park and Katherine McGinnis Park. (See Rev. John Edwards Park) Dorothy died September 4, 1961.

To this union, a daughter and a son were born: Mary Katherine, born April 15, 1951; educated in public schools of Pleasant Hill, Central Missouri State University, BS in Ed.; English teacher at Raymore-Peculiar High School; Missouri State Teachers Association; active member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church; member Chapter DS, P.E.O. Sisterhood; Daughters of the American Revolution; Pleasant Hill B.&P.W. Richard Boone, born October 9, 1954; educated in public schools of Pleasant Hill; graduated Class of 1976, Central Missouri State University, BS degree in Agri-Business; while attending CMSU, farm director and news reporter for radio station KCMW-FM in Warrensburg; member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Boone, Jr.'s second marriage was on June 5, 1963 to Mrs. Nadine Thorne Thurman, a widow with one daughter, Jackie Dean who was married on June 7, 1963 to Ray Noland Parris. To this union two children were born: Tammy Doreen Parris, September 16, 1964, and Christopher Parris, August 23, 1966. On February 13, 1973, Boone, Jr. and Nadine had an addition to their family — a ten year old foster son, Chris T. Volsky.

Nadine Thorne Ingels was born March 16, 1926 at Warsaw, Missouri, daughter of William Warner Thorne and Margaret Bird Thorne. She was educated in the public schools of Warsaw and Kansas City; attended specialized courses in business at Kansas University; graduated from Moler College of Cosmetology and Clairol School of Color Technology; active member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church; Pleasant Hill Historical Society; Bayard Chapter 179 — Order Eastern Star; Pleasant Hill B.&P.W.; Cross Roads Community Club; helped organize the Pleasant Hillbillies 4-H Club on March 22, 1966, assistant 4-H Community Leader; recipient of Cass County Farm Wife Hall of Fame Award.

BOONE INGELS, SR.

Location: Windermere Farm, Pleasant Hill, Mo. Boone Ingels, Sr. was born in Pleasant Hill, May 9, 1889; son of George Alvin Ingels (born in Paris, Ky., son of James W. Ingels and Amanda Crose) and Rosa Lee Russell (born in Eminence, Ky., daughter of Dr. John T. Russell and Frances Giltner). Boone attended public schools in Pleasant Hill and Columbia, graduating from high school in Columbia, Mo. He attended the University of Mo. In 1916 he moved back to Pleasant Hill and farmed land owned by his family.

On November 3, 1917 he married Mary Dorothy Buckner, daughter of John Armstrong Buckner (born in 1868 in Strasburg, Mo., son of Dr. Francis Thornton Buckner and Mary Margaret Armstrong) and Mary Barret (Mayme) Thornton born in Magnolia, Ill. (daughter of John Fitzhugh Thornton and Mary Jane Wherritt). Dorothy was born in Pleasant Hill Sept. 1, 1895. She attended public schools in Kansas City, Mo. and Pleasant Hill. She attended Synodical College, Fulton, Mo., Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, and Huff Business College, Kansas City, Mo. Dorothy taught in the Cross Roads and Pleasant Hill public schools before her marriage. Their marriage vows were exchanged at the home of Dorothy's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Francis T. Buckner, Kansas City, Mo.

Dorothy and Boone are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill. Dorothy is a member of the Cross Roads Community Club and is an active member of Chapter DS, P.E.O. Sisterhood, being a charter member and past president of Chapter DS.

On November 3, 1918 their first child was born, Boone Ingels, Jr. (See Boone Ingels, Jr.)

On August 25, 1920, twin girls were born, Rose Mary and Mary Margaret. Rose Mary lived 6 hours. Mary Margaret is a Medical Technologist (M.T.(ASCP)) and a Specialist in Hematology (S.H.(ASCP)) supervising the Hematology Laboratory of the Pathology Department of St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. She is a graduate of the Pleasant Hill public schools, Cottey College, Nevada, Mo., The University of Missouri at Kansas City, and St. Luke's School of Medical Technology. She is a member of the American Society of Medical Technologists, the Missouri Society of Medical Technologists, and an affiliate member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Mary Margaret is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill. She is also an active member and past president of Chapter DS, P.E.O.

On July 25, 1927, a third daughter, Dorothy Jane, was born. She attended the Pleasant Hill public schools, playing the violin in the orchestra and drums in the band. Graduating in 1944, she then attended the University of Kansas City; graduating cum laude in 1948. She later continued her education and received her M.S. degree in both viola and voice at Kansas State College, Pittsburg. She studied piano in Pleasant Hill with Mrs. Gilbert D. Pearce. Later she studied piano and theory with Virginia French Mackie (a student of Nadia Boulanger), viola with William Wendlandt and with Scott Nickrenz of the Vermeer Quartet.

Jane taught Public School Instrumental Music for six years in Kansas City, Mo., three years in Lecompton, Kansas; and taught Theory part-time at Kansas State College, Pittsburg. She is now teaching at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass.

Jane married Dr. Thomas Bruce Daniel, Ph.D., in 1954. They have two sons, Kermit Eric, born in Lawrence, Kansas, on Feb. 18, 1957; and Grant Wolfe, born on June 2, 1960 in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Adams.

Front Row: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Richardson. *Back Row:* Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Atkinson and Charles W. Richardson.

The Henry C. Bundy Family.

George William Ash (grandson of Pickney Green Ash) and Mary Hankins Ash in 1901.

Hereford cattle in pasture on the Earl Blayney Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Franklin Beckerdite (Luella Frazier).

Mrs. Martin Bailey (Irene Scott) and sons, Charles and Archelaus.

The present City Hall in Harrisonville was once the C. H. VanRiper building. Mr. VanRiper was a horse and mule dealer.

The wedding picture of Mary and Frank E. Bybee on May 26, 1901.

JUDGE JOHN LINDSAY JACKSON

Judge John Lindsay Jackson was born in Saline Co., Missouri May 21, 1830. He was a son of John and Kezziah (Kelly) Jackson, natives of Tennessee. John Jackson died in Saline Co. when J. L. Jackson was a child. In 1839, when he was nine years old, he came to Cass County with his mother. His mother married a second time, becoming the wife of the Reverend John Jackson. At the age of 30 John L. Jackson married Miss Martha Fudge, a member of a Cass County pioneer family, who at the time lived on a farm 5 miles west of Harrisonville. This was known as the Moudy Farm for many years. At the close of the Civil War John and Martha Jackson returned to Cass County and bought a farm 6 miles SW of Harrisonville where they spent the remainder of their lives. Judge Jackson served as a director of the Prospect School District and as clerk of the school board for more than 40 years. He was Cass County Assessor and Grand River Assessor when the county went to a township organization. He was an associate judge of the Cass County Court.

To the Jacksons were born Mary Elsie, Anna Agnes, J. L., Jr., Lulu Lee, Edward S., Stella and Lela Pearl. Martha Fudge Jackson died Jan. 23, 1911. John Lindsay Jackson died in 1916.

Mary Elsie Jackson was born in 1861 and married O. A. Moudy in 1887. They moved to Harrisonville, where Mr. Moudy and his brother, W. B. Moudy, engaged in the grain, hay, coal and ice business. The firm was named Moudy Bros. In 1906 they moved to the Fudge farm 5 miles west of Harrisonville, where he engaged in farming. Mary Elsie died in 1938; O. A. Moudy in 1938. J. L., Jr. was born in 1864 and died in infancy.

Anna Agnes Jackson was born in 1865 in Monroe City, where her family had gone during the Civil War. Anna married John C. Brookhart in 1889 and they spent most of their lives in Cass County. Into the Brookhart home were born 2 children (details on these will be found under Brookhart).

Lulu Lee was born in 1867 and she married Dr. John W. Choate, of Johnstown, Bates County in 1889. He practiced in Johnstown until 1899 at which time he moved to Butler, where he engaged in the real estate and loan business as well as the insurance business. He was a representative to the State Legislature from Bates County in 1892, 1894 and 1896. He held the post of pension examiner during President Cleveland's first administration. John Choate died in 1929, Lulu Lee Choate died in 1935. They had one son, Leslie R., who was born in 1891. He served in Europe in World War I. He married Jessie Lenora Nix in 1921. She died in 1922 and he later married Faye, who died in 1973. Leslie was in the insurance business in Peoria, Illinois. He died in 1956.

Edward S. Jackson was born in 1869. He married Lucy A. Church in 1893. He operated a barber shop with his partner Ed S. Ervin in the basement of the Kunze Jewelry Store on the northwest corner of the square. He died in 1926. Lucy died in 1955. Edward S. and Lucy A. had one child, Lelah Fern, born in 1897. Fern married John V. Carter, son of George C. Carter, in 1923. The Carters operated grocery and clothing stores in Harrisonville for many years. Fern and John had one daughter, Martha Jane, who was born in 1924. She married Don Lause and they made their home in the State of California. They have one son, John William Lause, born in 1951.

Estella Jackson, born in 1872, died as an infant.

Lela Pearl Jackson was born in 1871. She married Simon P. Ziegler in 1889. They lived in Cass County most of their married life. Simon died in 1922 and Lela died in 1945.

JOHN THOMAS LANE JACKSON

John Thomas Lane Jackson (1869-1928), nicknamed "Steamboat", was the son of Sally I. Preston, who was born in slavery in Kentucky and was brought to Pleasant Hill by the family of John Preston. John Thomas was born near Pleasant Hill and married Margaret Anne Gilliam, daughter of James Marshall Gilliam and Mary Jane Gilliam, who came to Cass County with the Joseph and Mary Henley family, early settlers in the county. Annie, as she was known, was born in Harrisonville October 10, 1867, and lived in the Thomas and Martha Beattie home as a girl. Later she worked for Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis and after that she was nurse maid for many children. Steamboat worked for John A. Davis at the water works and for Arthur Perkins at the Schnell Theater.

John Thomas and Annie were parents of seven children, three dying in infancy. Harry, the oldest, died at the age of 43, leaving two children: Margarette and Harry, Jr. Thressa Bernice (Jackson) Allen died in 1934 leaving three children: Alvard Allen, Jr., Pricilla and Dolores. Crealon Dean married Myrtle Page and they have seven children: Rosetta, Cornelius, Martha Ann, John, Sharon Kay, Curtis and Patricia. Felver Morlan married Violetta Gravette, daughter of Allen and Mary Gravette of Sedalia. They had no children of their own but made a home and raised three of Violetta's half sisters, Ruth Gravette Allen, Mattie Stuart Snead and Mary Stuart (twins).

Mrs. Annie Jackson was a devoted Christian belonging to the colored Methodist Church as a child and later she joined the Church of God in Christ. She loved reading her Bible and had read it through several times. Her death occurred at the age of 85 on June 20, 1952.

Judge and Mrs. J. Weldon Jackson.

J. WELDON JACKSON

J. Weldon Jackson, at present Presiding Judge of the Cass County Court, was born six miles south of Belton, four miles west of Peculiar where Highways Y and YY intersect. He was the son of John H. and Stella O'Dell Jackson. His father John H., was born in Brownington, Missouri, the son of C. S. and Matilda Baker Jackson. C. S. had migrated from Kentucky and Matilda was born and reared near McPherson, Kansas. His mother, Stella O'Dell, was born near Atherton, Missouri, the daughter of Job C. and Emma Fowler O'Dell, both long-time residents of Ray and Jackson County. Later they moved to Cass County, living at various times near Belton, East Lynne and Garden City.

John and Stella Jackson, married in 1903, had three children, Orlynn, deceased; Emma Mae, married C. B. (Jack) Reynolds, deceased. Emma Mae lives in Belton and John Weldon, the subject of this sketch, also lives in Belton.

Weldon attended several rural schools. Among them were Swampy and Pleasant Prairie, near Belton, and Smith School near East Lynne. He was graduated from Belton High School, attended Warrensburg State College and University of Missouri at Columbia. For years he was involved in business ventures, restaurants and drug stores. In the early fifties he became associated with the Citizens Bank of Belton and became President and Chairman of the Board, before the bank became affiliated with The First Charter Group. He still is a Director of the Bank.

Weldon has served in many civic and religious positions. For years he was City Clerk of Belton and an eighteen year member of the Belton Board of Education. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving for 3½ years during World War II, he has been active in the Belton American Legion Post 488, being a charter member and former Commander. He has been a member of the Belton United Methodist Church since 1921.

In 1941, Weldon married Olive May Herrick in Adrian, Mo. Olive, the daughter of Reverend D. V. and Geneva Burbank Herrick, was born in Kansas City, Kansas where the Reverend Herrick was attending college. Rev. Herrick, born in Republic City, Kansas in 1891. Geneva Herrick, Olive's Mother, born near Grantville, Kansas in 1887, at present resides in Belton. She and the Reverend Herrick were the parents of six children.

Olive and Weldon are the parents of eight children. John Henry married Verena Munsion of Clay Center, Kansas and are the parents of one son, Joel. They live in Gladstone, Mo. and John is employed by TWA. John attended college at Warrensburg State College.

Judith Michal (Mickey) is married to Major Dennis Moss of the Air Force. They have one son, Brian, and at present live in San Bernardino, California. Before their marriage Mickey was Assistant Cashier of the Citizen's Bank of Belton.

Linda Jo Lloyd, who lives in New York City, is employed by H.E.W. She has two children, Christopher and Katrina, and is a graduate of Pace University of New York City.

Jerald Weldon is at present a third year law student at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield and served four years in the U.S. Army, being discharged as a Captain. He is married to the former Glenna Dougan of Belton and they are parents of one daughter, Audrey.

Janet Lynn, married Bernard Thurman, Master Sergeant in the Marines. Janet is an employee with Civil Service. She attended Kansas City Jr. College. They are currently stationed in San Diego, California. They have one daughter, Allison Marler.

Jacquelyn Sue is a student at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and is employed at the Leawood National Bank in Kansas City.

Jeffrey Allen is a student at Central Methodist College in Fayette. He is married to the former Pamela Lovelett of Olathe, Kansas. Pam is also a student at the college. Jeff is studying for the ministry.

James Herrick is a student at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and is employed at Solo Cup in Grandview.

All eight children are graduates of Belton High School.

RALPH KELLOG JACOBS

Ralph, the youngest son of Joseph and Luvenia Elliott Jacobs, was born November 3, 1899, Harrisonville, Mo. Departed this life December 6, 1969 at St. Luke's hospital, Kansas City, Mo., at the age of 70 years.

His entire life was spent in Harrisonville. He attended Prince Whipple School. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church. At the age of 10 years old, he went to work for the P. K. Glenn Drug Co. and remained with the firm 60 years and was yet an employee at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Freda E. Fields of Butler, Mo., August 20, 1924, and to this union four children were born, two daughters, two sons.

Ralph had one brother Harley, deceased; two sisters Viola Jacobs Matthews, deceased. Mrs. Annie Patterson, Los Angeles, California; two sons, Ralph K. Jr., Los Angeles, Cal.,Victor C. Jefferson City, Mo., two daughters, Mrs. Peggy J. Davis and Mrs. Cora K. Jones, Kansas City, ten grandchildren, two brothers-in-law, nieces, cousins, and a host of friends mourn his passing.

ANDERSON JAMES

Anderson and Ollie James moved from Clay County to Cass County. As a young man of sixteen he worked at Watkins Mill. They had seven children: Cora, John, Jim, Minnie, Lee, Effie and Ona. John married Agnes Dudley. They had seven children: Flora, Anderson, John Newton, Loubell, William, Eileen, and Minnie.

John Newton James was a barber in Pleasant Hill as a young man, working at the Kosky barbershop, which is now the Pleasant Hill Museum. October 4, 1929 he and Lucile Parish were married at Harrisonville, Missouri. She taught school at Prairie Dell, west of Pleasant Hill, and he started his career as a farmer. Two years later they moved south of Harrisonville. They had two children, John Harold and Carol Jean. John farmed as a partner with Socia Wirt for ten years, then bought a 120 acre farm in 1942 about two miles southwest of Harrisonville. Besides farming he served 12 years on the school board and was president of Grand River Township

Board several years. Lucile was killed by lightning on June 1, 1965. In 1967 he sold 100 acres of the original farm to D. L. Webster, building a new home on the remaining 20 acres. On March 3, 1972, he and Bonetha Small were united in marriage, at Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

WILLIAM E. JAMES

William E. (Bill) James is a lifelong resident of Cass County and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William (Buster) James (former county sheriff and farmer). Bill is advertising manager for the Cass County Democrat-Missourian and Cass County Shopper. He attended the University of Missouri and spent four years active duty with the US Air Force.

His wife, Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Jr., 1200 Bird Street, Harrisonville, graduated from Harrisonville High School and the University of Missouri. She earned a BS Ed. degree from MU and taught fifth grade for three years in the Harrisonville Public Schools. She is a member of P.E.O. and Delta Gamma sorority.

They have one son, William Alexander, born July 6, 1975.

JAMES M. JETER

James M. and Mary (Peterson) Jeter of Benson, Woodford Co., Ill., had 10 children of whom 4 sons, George S., Orville, John Calvin and Jesse C. moved to Raymore, Cass Co., Mo., 1907 and 1908, followed by their parents in 1909. Two daughters of the family were Sallie (Jeter) Houtz and Minnie (Jeter) Kindig.

George S. Jeter, his wife and 3 children came to Mo. in the spring of 1907, settling on a farm near Raymore where they lived until 1930 when they moved to Bethel, Kans., their home until their deaths. They had children: Iris Jeter, now Mrs. Clay Roberts of Kansas City, Kans.; Verneille Jeter, died 1920; Russell Jeter of Raymore, Presiding Judge of the Cass Co. Court since 1963; and Nettie Jeter of Kansas City, Kans., born after the move to Mo.

Orville Jeter, his wife and 2 sons came to Mo. 1908, settling on a farm ½ mile E. of Raymore. He was a member of the Raymore School Board a number of years. They moved to Kansas City, Mo. 1930. His wife, Harrie, died 1937 and he died 1961. They had children: Virgil Jeter who has wife, Elma and daughter, Virginia (Jeter) Robertson who has children Jammie and Susie Robertson; Lyle Jeter, who died 1962 leaving wife Margie and children Carolyn and Richard Lee Jeter; Thelma (Jeter) Parrott, who died 1965 leaving husband Wilmott Parrott and son Billy Jack Parrott, who has daughter Thelma Jane; Delos Jeter who has wife Ruby and daughter Patricia Ann (Jeter) Parrott, who has children Sandra, Harold, Robert and Charles Parrott; Dorothy Jeter, who married Kenneth Campbell and has daughters Sharon Campbell and Janet Busher.

John Calvin Jeter was born 1879, Ill., married Goldie A. Way of Benson, Ill. and they came to Mo. 1908, settling on a 155 acre farm 3 miles NE of Raymore. They had one son, Gordon E. Jeter, who graduated from Raymore High School 1930, married Jan. 15, 1935 Dorothy Dell Johnson and had daughter Sandra Sue. Sandra Sue Jeter attended the Lee's Summit schools, married 1963 Norman L. Stephenson and has son Brian Glen Stephenson born Feb. 14, 1971. They live in Iowa City, Ia. where Norman is a Ph.D. of Psychology at the Veterans Hospital. John Calvin Jeter moved from the farm to Archie, Mo. 1931, where he lived into his 90s.

Jesse C. Jeter, who died 1965, married 1913 Eleanor Gray. They had children Wendell Jeter; Paul Jeter who married 1948 Hazel Smalley and has children Eleanor and Dennis; Lotus Jeter; and Harold Jeter who married Beatrice Long and has children David, Dwight, and Nancy. In 1937 Jesse C. Jeter, with his children, started the Jeter Grocery and Locker Plant in Raymore, which the children Wendell, Paul and Lotus now operate. Harold Jeter lives in Kansas City, Mo. where he owns a grocery store.

JESSE JETER

Tradition has it that the Jeters were Huguenots, who found refuge in England for many years, and came to Virginia in the early 18th century. The emigrant was John Jeter, who settled about eight miles from Port Royal, Virginia. Through the generations, their occupation leaned toward farming, and they moved from Virginia to Woodford Co., Illinois.

The boy in the family at this time was James M. Jeter. They lived in Illinois, and James grew to manhood and married Mary Peterson. They became parents of ten children. Of these children, four sons moved to Raymore in 1907 and 1908, followed by their parents in 1909. These sons were: George, Orville, John and Jesse.

After coming to Raymore, Jesse met and married Eleanor Gray in 1913. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gray, who were early Raymore settlers. They started housekeeping on the east side of town, and he followed the carpenter trade. They became the parents of four children: Wendell Gray, Paul E., Lotus H. and Harold E. In 1919 they purchased a 140 acre farm on the west side of town, what is now known as Lakeview and Rolling Hills, where he raised registered Hereford cattle and registered Poland China hogs. Later he included dairy cattle. He continued here until 1932, when he sold the farm to E. B. Thomson, Sr. They moved at this time to the east side of town, where Wendell and Lotus now live.

The wife and mother passed away in 1935 after a short illness.

In February of 1937 the family started The Jeter Grocery. A brother-in-law, John Houtz of Archie, who had a grocery, was instrumental in helping them get started. Their original order was invoiced at approximately $600. They had many struggles making ends meet as the business progressed. In 1939 they operated a grocery store on wheels and traveled the country roads for about two years, when Paul and Harold both joined the Navy to serve in World War II. As well as selling groceries, they bought chickens and eggs and hauled them to Kansas City, by pulling a two-wheeled trailer behind their car.

While Harold was in the service, he was married to Beatrice Long, who was teaching school in Raymore. Upon his discharge from the service, they settled in Kansas City. Harold worked in a grocery store for a number of years until they bought one of their own, at 402 E. Gregory in Kansas City, Mo., which they still operate. They have three children,

David, Dwight and Nancy. David and Dwight are both married and live in Blue Springs and Nancy is a student at Southwest Missouri College in Springfield.

After Paul was out of the service the locker plant was built onto the south side of the store in 1947, and Paul started cutting the meat for this part of the business. In 1948, he and Hazel Smalley were married. Hazel lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smalley, north of Raymore, and was teaching at Raymore. They have two children, Eleanor and Dennis. Eleanor was married in May of 1975 to Mr. James Kopetsky, and is now living in Virginia, where her husband is stationed at the Quantico Marine Base. Dennis was married in June of 1975 to Miss Anne Steinbrueck of Belton. They now live in Peculiar, where Dennis is teaching school in the Raymore-Peculiar School system.

In 1965, Mr. Jeter passed away and the rest of the family has carried on.

Through the almost 40 years, many changes have been made in the appearance of the store, with the addition of new freezers and meat cases, along with metal shelving throughout the store.

JOHN FRANCIS JOHNSON

The Johnson family were early pioneer settlers of Cass (Van Buren) County, Mo. The family migrated westward by wagon train from Kentucky in 1825 and settled in Westport, Kansas City, Mo. John Johnson, Jr., son of Alexander Johnston and Mary Christian, was born 1750 and died sometime during the Revolutionary War. He is a descendant of the Scotch Johnson Family of Annandale, Scotland. John Johnson with his wife and six grown sons and one daughter on October 12, 1825 crossed the "Blue River" westward to the State Line, with five wagons, twenty horses, thirteen cows and fifty head of cattle, a flock of sheep and some poultry. Here in 1826 they built a log cabin at what is now Fourteenth St. and Benton Boulevard. With fifty other families the Johnsons had been at the government post at Fort Osage (now Sibley), awaiting the signing of a treaty that gave white settlers the right to locate in "The Big Blue Country." It was a strip of land twenty-four miles wide upon Missouri's western border.

John Francis Johnson, son of John Johnson, married Annie Adelia Easley on Nov. 20, 1876. The John Johnson family first settled in Belton in 1870 on the land where the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is now located. Johnson helped in platting the town, was active during the early growth of Belton and was a member of the first town board. He was in the hardware and general merchandising business before the family purchased land south of Belton on what is now known as YY Highway. John Johnson and his wife Annie Adelia Johnson had seven children, Nellie M. (1877-1975); Kirby E. (1879-1970); Jennie Catherine (1880-1858); Francis (Frank) Arthur (1884-1937); Susie (1886-1888); Alberta Lane (1888-); and Manor Schooley (1892-1972).

Francis (Frank) Arthur remained on the farm and he married El Nora M. Tribby Feb. 20, 1910. They had three children, Leonard F., Dorothy and Marguerite and all graduated from the Belton Public Schools. Leonard F. Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Johnson.

remained on the farm after his father's death. He bought the farm and it has remained in the Johnson family for 99½ years. The house was rebuilt in 1923, but still on the original site of the original homestead. Leonard Francis Johnson married Lola Maxine Faust and they had two children, Gerald Francis Johnson and Judith Lynn Johnson. Gerald married Nancy Ruhl and they had three children, Michael Francis, Jeffery Dale and Stephanie Diane Johnson. Gerald is president of the Young Farmers Association of Cass County. He is engaged in farming and livestock raising. Judith Lynn (Johnson) Waters graduated from Central Missouri State University. When she was teaching in Northern Missouri she met and married James A. Waters. They have two children, Glenn Alan and Susan Lyn.

Dorothy Johnson married Gordon E. Jeter and their daughter, Sandra Sue married Dr. Norman Stephenson and they have a son, Brian Glen.

Marguerite Johnson married Wayne A. Harris and they have two children, Ronald Wayne Harris and Donna Cheryl Harris. Ronald enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Belton High School. After his service career he has engaged in building. He and his wife, Geneva, have two daughters, Kari Louise and Brandy Sue. Donna attended Belton Public Schools twelve years. She attended Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Mo. and graduated with a bachelor of science degree with a major in education. After teaching a few years she married Jerald W. Gilkeson, son of George B. and Doris Gilkeson. Jerald graduated from Central Missouri State University, with a degree in Industrial Technology. He served six years in the U.S. Army Air Force with the reserve unit of the medical corps, and presently farms south of Harrisonville, Mo. Jerald and Donna have two sons, Seth Wayne and Laith Burns Gilkeson.

OSCAR N. JOHNSON

Oscar Napoleon Johnson, son of Alfred (son of Thomas Johnson who was a cousin of President Andrew Johnson) and Elizabeth Lankford Johnson was born December 7, 1857 near Mossy Creek, Tennessee. Rebecca Jane Newman, daughter of Aaron and Katie Tillett Newman, was born January 20, 1855 near Mossy Creek, Tennessee. On December 14, 1876 Oscar and Rebecca Jane were united in marriage and for five years made their home near Mossy Creek where a son, Lee, was born in 1882.

In 1882 the little family started a long journey to Freeman, Missouri having been encouraged to do so by a friend and Baptist minister, Parson Lacy, who was visiting relatives and friends in Tennessee. During this journey the rivers were at flood stage but the Johnsons were fortunate. When the train

left the bridge near St. Louis, the bridge collapsed and floated away. Continuing on, Oscar and his family arrived in Freeman, rented some rooms over Dr. Colburn's Drug store and became citizens of that growing community.

Mr. Johnson worked for the town a while on the streets at one dollar per day, but soon became the hired hand for a farmer, Mr. Adams, east of Freeman where he and his family made their home in a buggy shed. The following year Oscar rented a farm and went into farming for himself. Not having money enough to own a timepiece, he worked the fields from daylight until dark. By the next year having prospered enough to purchase a clock, he paid $4.50 for a Seth Thomas clock which is still owned by a daughter, Josie Johnson. A second child was born March 27, 1884 and was named Katie. She became the wife of Albert Rutt, October 17, 1917 and the mother of two children, Marion Rutt of Drexel and Alberta Marie Rutt Mickelson, Freeman, Missouri.

In 1886 the Johnsons moved to Polk County near Dunnegan Spring to a farm known as the ranch and there on October 6, 1886 another daughter, Josie, was born. She now lives in Paola, Kansas and recalls her life in the three room log cabin with the loft in Polk county, their enjoyable trip to Humansville one Fourth of July and their return to their home to find some one or ones had stolen a horse, her father's best suit of clothes, money and had even eaten some of their food. This may not have been the main reason, but they did decide to move to a farm near Lamar, Barton County where they remained for four years. This journey, made in covered wagons, was made unpleasant by constant November rains.

By 1899 it was decided that Cass County was the place to live so the Johnsons returned to live on the McCoy farm about one and one half miles east of Drexel where they lived during the "Dry Year" of 1901. On March 12, 1902, the son, Lee, married Lorinda A. Williams. Lorinda died on May 28, 1903 and was buried in the Sharon Cemetery which is the burial place of nearly all of the deceased members of the Oscar Johnson family.

In 1903 Mr. Johnson bought a farm five miles west of Drexel and moved to Miami County, Kansas, where he lived until 1910. During that time he acquired his first telephone which was considered quite a luxury. In April, 1919 the Johnson family moved into Drexel where they remained until 1923 when they purchased a home in Paola, Kansas, and moved there on September 4 of that year.

Oscar died on January 22, 1943 and his wife passed away May 24, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Napoleon Johnson and Lee.

ROBERT VERNON JOHNSON

Robert Vernon Johnson was born Aug. 4, 1926 in Aaron, Mo. His parents, Albert and Viola (Swaar) Johnson moved to Harrisonville in 1930. His mother's family came to Missouri in March, 1910 from Illinois. Her parents were George Hiram and Lillie Mae (Sapp) Swaar, and one brother Henry Hiram Swaar still lives in Harrisonville. Bob's father's parents, Albert and Elizabeth (Egy) Johnson lived in and around Osceola, Mo. and died when the son was just a small boy. Bob's father worked as a farm hand in Aaron and Greenwood areas. The family moved to 400 E. Washington in 1936 when Albert was employed on the railroad. A brother, Harold L. Johnson, was born Jan. 20, 1929, served in the Navy during the Korean War and died Jan. 20, 1972.

As a little boy, Bob delivered papers, had a bakery route, cleaned sidewalks and did many other jobs to earn money. His last years of high school he worked for J. C. Polson in his dry goods store on the south side of the square.

Graduating from Harrisonville High School in May of 1944, he joined the U.S. Infantry, serving in the South Pacific area until 1946. On Oct. 11, 1946, he married Patty Jeane Current, daughter of Wm. and Bertha (Pyle) Current. Patty's family moved to Harrisonville in 1936. Her father was a painter, working for George Brinley until about 1940 when he went to work for TWA at the overhaul base in Fairfax, North Kansas City. He worked there until the time of his retirement a few years ago.

Bob and Patty have three children: Jeanne Ann, who lives in North Kansas City and has two children: Timothy Wayne Miller and Tammy Jeanne Miller. Vicki Jane, who lives in Grandview and has three children: Tina Tinara Johnson, Anthoni David Johnson and Veronica Jeane Dennis. Robert Paul Johnson and his wife Kathy (Gray), live in Sedalia, Mo.

When Bob returned from service in 1946, he went to work for McClain Bros. Electric Co., and worked there until 1950, when he went into business with Oscar Miller, forming the Miller-Johnson Appliance Center. They operated out of the small store at 206 S. Independence for several years, later moving into the corner building, 101 West Wall. From there they moved into the present location, 201 S. Independence, formerly the Davis Bros. Garage.

In 1960 Bob bought Oscar Miller's share and the same year he opened a second store in Clinton, Mo. In 1973 he opened a third store in Sedalia.

Bob is a member of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, Hurley Lee Spicer American Legion Post #42, Veterans of Foreign War Post #4409, Chamber of Commerce, Square Center Association, Advisor of the Distributive Education Association, American Legion Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief, and member of National Appliance Dealers Association.

In April, 1975, he was elected mayor of Harrisonville, by an overwhelming majority. This could only happen in America!

ROY G. JOHNSTON

Roy G. Johnston was born in Monroe County, Missouri, June 20, 1898. He began his auctioneering career in Macon County selling farm sales. In the years intervening he was learning and developing the voice and "know-how" that was to make him famous. He moved to Belton in 1929. During this period he was selling for Owen Brothers Horse and Mule Company in Kansas City, Springfield, and for 13 years in Memphis, Tennessee. When the mule business was on its way out, Roy began to concentrate on cattle, primarily Angus. A report in the Angus Journal in 1958 mentions that a new auctioneer had joined the Angus sales force; Col. Roy G. Johnston of Belton, Mo.

He continued to be the top Angus auctioneer for 32 years. A Chicago newspaper of December, 1969 states that "when Roy G. Johnston stepped before the microphone last night to auction the Grand Champion steer at the International Livestock Exposition, the action marked the 35th and final year of selling the champion." Referring to his years of selling the International Grand Champion, Roy said, "I think this sale has been the highlight of my career. This is the grand-daddy of all the finished product shows."

He has won several blue ribbons in car lot cattle competition, both in Chicago and the Kansas City American Royal. His Silvertop Angus yearlings have always been tough competition and will continue to be for a long time to come.

In 1961 Roy built the 80 acre lake on his Silver Top Farm, which was to supply the water for the new Raymore water system. In the late 1960's, he began selling acreage for development. It is now the site of "Silver Lake", one of the most attractive housing areas in the community.

Roy retired from his full time auctioneering career on June 20, 1970, when he celebrated his 72nd birthday, with this statement, "When I retire I want to quit on top."

Of course, we do think that Roy and wife, Jeanie, are going to "settle down to retirement" in their lovely Cass County Ranch home on the lake. He has too many interests in Silver Top development and the Angus world. So we join the Angus Journal in saying, "Good Luck, Roy, you deserve it."

DR. W. W. JOHNSTON

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnston and family moved to Raymore in the 1800s. The family consisted of Edith, Nannie, William Wylie II, Marcia Conant, Gertrude and Paul.

Dr. Johnston was a physician in Raymore until his death in 1899. He served with the Union Army in the Civil war. His widow, Marcia Rebecca, continued to live in Raymore, later moving to Belton. She died in 1926.

Edith, born in 1862, lived in Los Angeles at the time of her death in 1906. Her daughter, Adele, lived with her grandparents in Raymore in her childhood. Adele died in 1971.

Nannie was born in 1866 and grew up in Kansas. She later lived in Chicago after her marriage to Dr. Francis A. Carter, and died there in 1943. They had one daughter, Frances Jeannette, who was a librarian in Chicago.

William Wylie II, born in 1872, was a doctor and surgeon who saw service in the Medical Corps in World War I. He was a physician at J. I. Case Company, manufacturer of trucks and tractors in Racine when he enlisted and organized an ambulance corps in Racine and went to France as a leader of Ambulance Corps #127. Upon his return, after the war, he brought back with him the rank of "Major" with a personal citation from General Pershing, the Purple Heart and with the French Merit of Honor. He later was in Public Health work. He died in Santa Barbara in 1944. He had a son, William Wylie III and a daughter, Margaret.

Marcia, born in 1876, studied at the Chicago Conservatory of Music before her marriage and taught school. She was united in marriage to James Newell Barron August 15, 1899. They made their home in Raymore until 1911 when they purchased the Barron Farm NE of Raymore. Their children were James Newell II (Jamie), Francis Conant and Edith Gertrude. Jamie married Josie Matthews and to this union were born James Newell Barron III (Jim), Mary Jean, Marcia May and Nancy Jo. Jim served with distinction in World War II, being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with the Oak Leaf Cluster. Francis had a trucking business in Raymore and later was employed by the United States Government. He married Juanita DeMoss and had one son, Lester Conant (Ty). Francis died in 1946. Gertrude married Harry Huber. Their children were David Harry Jr., Rebecca Lu and Donald Newell. Marcia was a librarian of the Raymore Library in the 1940s. She organized the Alumni Association of Raymore High School many years ago. She was a charter member of the Rustic Dames neighborhood club and attended until the time of her demise in 1950.

Gertrude Johnston, born in 1878, married John S. Miller and they lived in the same home in Belton all their married life. Gertrude maintained her home until she died in 1971. John Miller was in the hardware business in Belton and later in Citizens Bank of Belton. Gertrude was a charter member of the Dorpha Club.

Paul, born in 1885, was sales representative of J. I. Case Company in Puerto Rico, later specializing in auto mechanics. He served in World War I in the United States Navy. He lived in Chicago where he died in 1934.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnston were members of the Presbyterian Church of Raymore and were active in community affairs.

Gertrude Johnston Miller.

EDWARD S. JONES

Edward S. Jones, M.D., was born in Gypsum, Kansas, July 14, 1917. He came to Harrisonville, Missouri in May, 1948 to enter the practice of medicine with Dr. Harry B. Neis.

Dr. Jones served his internship at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, and after his tour of duty in the Army Medical Corps, serving in a prisoner of war hospital in LeHavre, France, he was honorably discharged as a captain. He worked a while at the Hartzler Clinic in Halstead, Kansas, and then entered a residency in Internal Medicine at Research Hospital in Kansas City.

Dr. Jones came from a line of doctors; his grandfather, Edward Hawthorne (1854-1931), practiced in Gypsum, Kansas, and his father, William Raymond Jones (1889-1966), practiced in Canton, Kansas. Both his mother, Vera Hawthorne Jones, and his father, Raymond, graduated from Kansas State College, and his father from Louisville University Medical School. The Hawthorne and Hall maternal side of the family came from Knox and Green Counties, Kentucky, and settled in McPherson County, Kansas. The paternal grandfather, Sam Jones (1856-1953), and his wife, Margaret Matthews (1860-1930), came from Monroe County, Kentucky in a covered wagon in 1884 and settled in Seward County, Kansas, where he farmed and conducted a draying business. They started housekeeping in a sod hut on the prairie.

Mrs. Jean Boswell Jones, wife of Edward, was born June 27, 1920, in Cherokee County, Kansas. Her father, James Henry Boswell, M.D., practiced medicine in Baxter Springs, Kansas over 50 years. He was born in Bloomington, Nebraska in 1878 and was buried in Baxter Springs Cemetery in June, 1950. His degrees were from the University of Nebraska and Northwestern Medical School. He, too, had lived in a sod hut when he was a young child. His family was from Peoria County, Illinois, and his mother's from Walworth County, Wisconsin; the grandfather was Alban Mann Perry (1817-1902) from New York.

Her mother, Maude Morrison Cramer Boswell (1884-1963), was born in Athens County, Ohio. Her father was Seldon M. Cramer (1843-1913), who served with the 18th Ohio Volunteers in the Civil War at Shiloh and Chattanooga. Her mother was Hannah Jane McClurg (1846-1934) from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Seldon's great-grandfather was Adam Cramer (1747-1819), who was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He is buried in the family cemetery in New Centerville, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and next to him, Hannah Rambo Cramer, whose family settled in Swedesboro, New Jersey in the 1600's.

Jean Henrietta Boswell Jones graduated from the University of Kansas in 1941 with a degree in journalism. She and Dr. Jones were both active in civic and school affairs, as well as the Episcopal Church.

The Joneses reared three children: Stephen Edward, born in Jackson County, Missouri, April 14, 1944, Pamela Jane, born in Jasper County, Missouri, July 17, 1946, and Bradley Boswell, born December 16, 1953 in Jackson County, Missouri.

Stephen holds an A.B. Degree from the University of Kansas, a M.A. from Kansas State College, Pittsburg, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin. He and his wife, the former Nancy Forbes of Parsons, Kansas, and their twin daughters, Stephanie Renee and Kimberly Ann, born August 9, 1968, reside in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Pamela pursued her education at Colorado Woman's College in Denver, as well as Parks Business College. She and her husband, Gene A. Spinelli, are now residents of Arlington, Texas and are parents of Michele Lynn, born April 18, 1975.

Bradley Jones is presently a sophomore at the University of Kansas, planning a career in journalism.

The Jones family first lived at 1102 Walnut, and since 1953, at 301 North Price Avenue, a three story victorian home built by the Conger family on the east edge of Harrisonville.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward S. Jones and Family.

JAMES A. JONES

James A. and Annie Jones came to Belton from North Carolina in 1891 with their four sons, William L.; Gilbert A. (Bert); Robert (Curly); and John M. They came by way of the Mississippi River and settled on a farm near Belton, later moving into town.

James served as marshal of Belton at one time and was affectionately nicknamed "Uncle Liner" for the state from which he had come.

John M. Jones attended Belton schools and was on the football team in 1906. He married Laura J. Bullock in 1908. She was the daughter of George F. Bullock and his wife of Garden City, Mo. He worked in Gilham's Grocery Store and then spent three years in the Gilham store in Hinton, Okla. When he returned to Belton, he joined S. D. Sprinkle and the store was known as Sprinkle and Jones. He became a rural mail carrier in 1918 and had Route One in Belton for 18 years. He was a Mason and member of the Methodist Church. Laura Jones was a member of the Eastern Star. The Jones home was at the present site of the Belton Post Office. He died at the home on July 29, 1936. Laura died July 13, 1954.

John and Laura had two children, Marguerite and Glenn Wilson.

Marguerite married Ted Beeghly of Peculiar, Mo., and they made their home in Peculiar for 15 years before moving to Belton in 1948. They have been owners of the Belton Cleaners since then.

Glenn was born in 1918, attended Belton schools and was attending Junior College in Kansas City before his father's illness. He was married to Ruth Beem of Belton and was employed at the Missouri Public Service Co. in Clinton when World War II started. He enlisted in the Air Force and was killed in action, March 8, 1945.

The second Jones brother, Gilbert, and his wife, Annie, had eight children: Lorena F. Hood, North Carolina; Theresa E.

James A. and Annie Jones.

Cowan, Bethan, Mo.; Verna King, Independence, Mo.; Imogene E. Goddard, Freeman, Mo.; Joseph J., Gilbert J. and Charles E. all of Harrisonville. A daughter, Marie A., is deceased. Gilbert Jones died in 1953, and Annie passed away in 1976.

William L. Jones was a horse and mule buyer. He and his wife, Ora, had two children; Luther, who died in 1966 and Jessie Jones Davis, of Grandview, Mo.

Robert E. (Curly) Jones was born in 1882. He married Bertha King in June, 1905 and they had two sons. Alpha who died in infancy and Robert E. (Bob) Jr., born Feb. 21, 1911. Bertha died in 1915 and Jones married Mary Knight of Peculiar, Mo., in 1917. They had a daughter, Mary Louise.

Robert, Jr. married Elizabeth Feeback, July 8, 1933. They have one daughter, Jean Ann, who was born Feb. 2, 1940. She married Duane E. Hylton in 1963 and they make their home in Belton. Hylton is in business with his father-in-law and is the Disaster Preparedness Director for the City of Belton, and also serves as a Substitute Rural Carrier for the U.S. Post Office.

Bob Jones was township trustee for ten years and in 1939 was elected to the Belton city council. He was the youngest member at that time. He served four years as mayor of Belton from 1965 to 1969. Bob is presently serving as Judge of the County Court, North District.

Mary Louise Jones married Jack Lightfoot on Aug. 9, 1947. They had two children; Jack, a teacher and musician, lives in Kansas City, Missouri; he will be married June 19, 1976 to Mary Lynn Todd of LaGrange, Mo. They will make their home in Kansas City. Laura, who is presently attending Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville, will be a junior next fall. Mary Louise is presently head of the music department at Shelbina, Mo. Her husband, Jack, died Dec. 17, 1971.

WILLIAM PORTERFIELD JONES

William Porterfield Jones built the first store building in Drexel, Mo., hauling the lumber from Louisburg, Kans., as the Kansas City, Pittsburgh and Gulf, later known as the Kansas City Southern, had not been built. The store building was completed by Dec. 1, 1890, and a church festival was held in the building later that month. Mr. Jones opened his grocery store in 1890 and did a thriving business in Western Cass and Bates Cos., and in Eastern Miami Co., Kans. for many years, later selling to Drexel Mercantile Co. He was first Mayor of Drexel, President of the School Board, and Postmaster for 16 years. He always thought Drexel the greatest town in the USA. He died Oct. 3, 1937, age 86 years. His daughter, Maud Jones Moore, lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

REASON SMITH JUDY

Reason Smith Judy, 1809-1895, arrived in Cass County in 1855. He purchased 900 acres 6½ miles S.W. Pleasant Hill, in Big Creek Twp., from the government, at $1.25 per acre. 99 acres were in timber. He donated the land for the original Judy School. He participated in the battle of Lone Jack, Aug. 16, 1862. The following is a quote from his death notice. "25 to 30 years ago, Mr. Judy was a prominent figure in Cass County. He occupied the position of sheriff 5½ years during the stormy days at the close of the rebellion. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church and will be buried beside his wife, near their old home, in the Baptist Cemetery."

His grandfather Judy (Tschudy) was from Switzerland and was killed, 1772, in the Revolutionary War in his home state of Virginia.

His father, John Jacob Judy, 1766-1844, married Catherine Sullivan, 1768-1841, in Virginia. Eight children: Mary, 1789, Drusilla, 1791, Deborah, 1797, Zacharious, 1800, Annie F., 1803, John Jacob, Jr., 1806, Isaic C. and Reason S. (twins), 1809.

Isaic married Phoebe Stites, July 17, 1836.

Reason Smith Judy, born in Clark County, Kentucky, married Tarissa Blackwood, 1813-1890, Clarke County, Indiana, Sept. 25, 1832. Seven children: John Jacob, 1833-1862, Aramenta, 1835-1859, Sally Ann, 1838-, Catherine, 1841-1914, James Blackwood, 1844-1862, Tarissa, 1851-, Reason Smith Jr., 1851-1851.

John J. and James B. were taken from John's farm home near Olathe the night of Sept. 7, 1862 by thirty horsemen of Quantrill, who asked them to guide them to Olathe . . . then shot them. They are buried in the Civil War Circle, Olathe Cemetery. A memorial was placed on the spot where they were assassinated. John left a wife and four children, Oscar, Emma, Mary and Alta.

Sally Ann married Andrew Jackson Belcher. They later moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. Seven children: Minnie, Reason, Effie, Frank, Ida, Winnie and Drusilla.

Catherine married Edwin A. Von de Veld, 1838-1920, a scout in the Union Army, Ft. Stanwix, N.Y. They lived on her father's land across from the family home. Eleven children: Three died in infancy, Edwin Jr., James A., Eugene O., Reason, Zella, Mamie, Nettie and Helen.

Tarissa married Sylvester Jones. One child: Annie Jones Woolridge (R. S.). Sylvester died and she married Franklin Clark. Two children: Harlie F. and Homer.

Aramenta married Dr. David Henderson Daniel(s), a surgeon. Two children: Luke died in infancy, Eliza Ann (Annie), 1858-1945. Aramenta died in 1859 and Annie was raised by

her grandparents.

Eliza Ann married Samuel (Newton) Arnett, 1853-1895. Four children: Edna Lola McArtor, 1886-, two children: Dorothy Jean and Ethel. Elda Violet Brosnahan, 1890-, three children: Elda Margaret, Geraldine Joan, John Joseph. Lena Aramenta Tucker, 1893-1954. One child: John William. Mary Ann Knight, 1895-, three children: Herbert, Charles, Mary Ann.

Elda Violet Ann married John William Brosnahan, 1885-1940 (from 1858 pioneer Kansas City family). Three children: Elda Margaret Cain (Paul H.), 1910-, Geraldine Joan Hall (Thomas C.), 1912- and John Joseph, 1924-.

John Joseph married Dorothy Louise McCool, 1924 (Dr. Samuel A. and Ruth Eckles McCool, K.C., Mo.). Four children: John William, 1945-, Susan Marie, 1948-, Nancy Ruth, 1951-, Martha Ann Cook, 1954 (Gregory Lee), one child: Heather Jeanette, 1972.

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ALBERT AUGUST JURSCH

Mary Davis Jursch and Albert August Jursch moved to the Raymore community in 1941 after selling their grocery business in Kansas City. Al Jursch spent many years in the trucking business, dairying and farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jursch brought to the farm their four sons, leaving their daughter in Kansas City, who was married six months later at the farm home. At this time all of the children live within a six mile radius of their original farm home located on J Highway south of Raymore, where Mary Jursch still resides. Mr. Jursch passed away in 1966.

Their daughter, Mrs. Maxine Lewis, and husband, Dean, live in Keenland in Raymore.

George and Betty Butler Jursch live in Belton. They are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Jursch Turner, and a son, Jim.

Carl married Dorothy Byrne of Peculiar and they are the parents of three daughters, Kelly, Kathy and Karolyn.

Harry and Barbara Fredericks Jursch live on J. Highway south of the home farm.

John and Rita Colville Jursch are the parents of a daughter, Kris, and a son, Kent. They also live south of the home farm on J. Highway.

NICHOLAS KAUFFMAN

Nicholas, son of Jacob and Barbara Kauffman, was born in Alsace Lorraine, France, in 1837. At the age of two, he came with his parents to the United States. They settled in the state of Ohio. After he grew to manhood he met a young lady by the name of Mary Yoder. Mary also emigrated from Alsace Lorraine, where she was born in 1849. At the age of 16, she and her sister, Barbara, and her brother, Jake, came to the United States.

Nicholas and Mary Yoder were married March 30, 1870. They moved to a farm near a small town, Ronda, in Polk County, Missouri. Here their seven children were born. They were Barbara, Mary, Minnie, Lydia, Elizabeth, Anna and John.

In 1891, the family came to Cass County, Missouri and purchased an 80 acre farm two and one half miles southeast of Garden City. They had chosen a good location for their home as they were close to town, the railroad and the Wallace school. The family attended the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church.

Nicholas thought that his daughters should keep busy so he bought beautiful materials for them to use in making quilts. This became a favorite pastime in the Kauffman Home.

In 1897, the oldest daughter, Barbara, married David S. King from Kansas. They were married by Daniel Kauffman, a Mennonite minister.

After living in Kansas and Texas for about 20 years, Barbara and David, with their eight children, Dan, Sam, Ella, Emery, Mary, Roy, May and Ruth, moved back to Cass County in 1917. From 1936-1970, Dan, Roy, Emery and Mary owned and operated King Brother's Cabinet Co. in Kansas City, Kansas.

Lydia Kauffman worked as a housekeeper in Kansas City until her health failed.

Elizabeth graduated from both the Schools of Osteopathy and of Optometry. Dr. Kauffman practiced in Kansas City until her death in 1963.

Anna, the youngest daughter, died in infancy.

Nicholas passed away in 1920 and his wife died in 1928. Two daughters, Mary and Minnie, stayed on the farm caring for the crops, cattle, hogs and chickens. They always had a large vegetable garden as well as many lovely flowers.

In 1912, the only son, John, married Effie Winders. They lived on a farm near Creighton and later in Kansas City. Their children are Erma Ruth, who lives in California, and Ewing, who resides in Kansas City. Ewing is the founder and owner of Marion Laboratories. He is also owner of the Kansas City Royals' Baseball Team. Of the immediate Nicholas Kauffman family, John is the only living child. At eighty-six years of age, he enjoys attending Royals games and likes to have his old friends and relatives come and watch with him.

The farm home looks much as it did in 1891. Until recently it was owned by the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman. Nicholas and Mary Kauffman and five of their daughters are buried at the Clearfork Cemetery just seven miles from the farm where they lived.

Five of the eight living grandchildren reside in Cass

County. They are Dan, Ella and Mary King, Mrs. Rolla (May) Rushly and Mrs. Lawrence (Ruth) Rushly. Also residing here are two great-grandchildren; Mrs. Don (Ella May) Shingleton and Ronald Rushly; 9 great-great-grandchildren, Debbie, Tamie and Jerry Shingleton, Raymond, Mahlon, Christian and Jonathan Rushly, and Brian and Rachel Yoder, children of Joe and the late Barbara Jean Yoder.

Among the family heirlooms, the quilts made by Mary Kauffman and her daughters are the favorites. The art of quiltmaking has been passed on to the granddaughters. You can usually find a quilt or two being made at the homes of Mary, Ella, Ruth or May.

STEPHEN KAUFFMAN

Stephen Kauffman, the second child of Martha Kurtz and Christian Kauffman, was born on July 8, 1832 near Belleville, Pennsylvania. On March 5, 1863 he married Mary King, daughter of Mary Kenagy and Jonathan King, born November 8, 1843 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. They moved to St. Joseph County, Michigan after their first child, John, was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. While living in Michigan, their second child, Sarah, was born. In the early spring of 1866, they, with their two small children, left Michigan and journeyed toward Missouri in a covered wagon. They brought two teams of horses and a cow with them. After traveling three months they reached the Harrisonville community. Here they stayed with the Abraham Yoder family in a log cabin for six months. On December 20, 1866 he purchased 80 acres from C. P. Yoder for the price of $300. On December 22 of the same year he purchased 80 acres from William Robertson for $450. On the land purchased from C. P. Yoder, he built the buildings which are still standing on this farm, the present house being built in 1882.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman were the parents of eight children. John L., born March 8, 1864, died November 18, 1947; Sarah A., born January 24, 1866, died March 27, 1920; Joseph, born October 5, 1870, died September 14, 1871; Emma F., born August 16, 1872, died June 6, 1887; Franklin P., born April 29, 1875, died May 29, 1930; David G., born May 2, 1878, died August 12, 1954; Ida Pearl, born October 21, 1880, died October 14, 1955; Mollie M., born February 13, 1884, died May 10, 1947. All the children were reared on the farm and received their education at the 8-Mile School near Daughtery, Missouri.

John, the oldest son married Emma Helmuth on December 25, 1889. He established a foundry in Garden City. Among the things he made were repairs for the train engine that passed through that town twice daily. He also established the first power and light plant in Garden City, which provided power for the first street lights in town.

Sarah married Isaac Yoder and lived in Cass County. Franklin and David married twin sisters: Franklin, Lydia King, and David, Anna King. Mollie married their brother, Jonah King. Ida Pearl married Benjamin Martin.

David lived on the Stephen Kauffman farm until he moved to Minot, North Dakota in the spring of 1916. He then sold the farm to a Rushley family whose descendants still own the farm. That same spring the Ben Martin family moved to Minot, North Dakota.

Stephen Kauffman home built in 1882.

The Stephen Kauffman family were members of the Sycamore Grove (Amish) Mennonite Church near Garden City, where Stephen was the church treasurer for many years. His son, Franklin, was a "Visiting Brother" or deacon of that church.

The following members of the family are buried in the Clearfork Cemetery northwest of Garden City. Stephen and wife, Mary, Emma, Joseph, Sarah and husband, Isaac Yoder, Franklin and wife, Lydia, and other descendants.

S. L. KEEN, SR.

S. L. Keen, Sr. (1892-1971) and his wife, Ruth Gabriel Keen (1897-1959) moved to Raymore in 1946. They were both members of St. Paul's Methodist Church. Mr. Keen was a dairyman, stockman and muleman, having shown mules for over 20 years. In his active years of showing he owned many champions. Mr. and Mrs. Keen were the parents of one son, S. L., Jr.

In 1947, S. L., Jr., his wife, the former Kathleen Carter, and two children, Judith K. and James W., moved to the community. Jack, as he is known to friends, is a stockman, developer and builder. They are members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Kathleen taught Sunday School for many years as the children were growing up. Jack, Kathleen, Judy and Jim were very active in the Raymore 4-H Club for many years.

Jim went to the Raymore school for 11 years and attended one year at the Claremore Military Academy, Claremore, Oklahoma. Judy went to Raymore school for 12 years, being a member of the last class to graduate from Raymore High School in 1959. They are both members of the Raymore community. Judy is the wife of Hal H. Allen, of Raymore and they are the parents of three children, Steven W., Susan K. and Sarah C. Jim lives in Raymore and is the father of one daughter, Jackie S.

JACOB KEENEY

Thomas has been a favorite name, passed from one generation to another, from Thomas Keeney, who gave bond to Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, to show his intention to marry Mary Reaves on September 9, 1778. Son and grandson

bore the name to the seventh generation.

Michael and Nancy Wiley Keeney emigrated from east Tennessee to Missouri in 1829 and settled on a farm on both sides of the Cass and Jackson County line. The oldest of their children, Jacob, was born 8 March 1818. Their other children were Thomas, Elijah, Fountain, David, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Isaac, John and William.

Jacob married Julia Ann Fox of Jackson County in 1839. They lived in Mt. Pleasant Township and were the parents of ten children, John Thomas, Nancy E., Mary E., Richard Berry, Margaret J., Francis Marion, William Rice, Lee Ann, Elbert James and Isaac Waller. All grew to adulthood in Cass County with the exception of Mary and Margaret who died young and were buried in the family burying ground on the original homestead of Michael Keeney located in Jackson Co., Sec. 32, Twp 47, Rg. 33W.

During the Civil War, when Order No. 11 was issued, the following list of stock and goods was taken from Jacob Keeney for military use: 12 Horses @ $125., 17 Mules @ $200., 7 Cows @$ 40., 4 work steers @ $100., 4 Heifers @ $25., 3000 bu. Corn @ $1.00, 30 head Hogs @ $30., 11 head Sheep @ $6.00, 1500 lbs Bacon @ $.20, totaling $10,396. This claim was never paid even though a bill (H.R. 7160) was introduced in Congress on July 29, 1913 authorizing payment.

Jacob, along with his eldest son, John Thomas, and daughter, Nancy E., were charter members of the Belton Christian Church. John Thomas, born 10 February 1845, was a partner of J. M. Smith in the mercantile business in Belton. In 1869 he married his partner's sister, Elizabeth. They became parents of three daughters, Dora, Ora and Minnie. His wife died May, 1881 and was buried in Bryant Cemetery. On November 2, 1885, he married a widow, Emma Jane Newton McCoy, with two daughters, Maude growing up in Belton and marrying Scott Muir, the other, Minnie, was reared by an aunt in Chicago and married a man named Heineman.

To John Thomas and Emma Jane Keeney were born five children: two eldest, dying in infancy, buried in Belton Cemetery; Clarence Irvin, born June 7, 1892; Della Jane, born June 7, 1894 and Claude Charles, born September 30, 1897. Clarence married Esther Harrison, daughter of Matthew Thompson and Mary Susan Jones Harrison, October, 1912, and had two children, Mary Kathryn, born March 3, 1915 and Thomas Harrison, born November 12, 1920. Clarence died August, 1956 and Esther in May, 1963, both buried in Belton Cemetery with John Thomas 1922 and Emma Jane, 1934.

Mary Kathryn and Mack Chamberlain were married November, 1940. No children. They operated Mack's Service Station in Belton until his death in March, 1971.

Thomas Harrison Keeney and Betty Sue Crow, daughter of Walter William and Nanny Clea Blocher Crow, were married December, 1941. Thomas served as a pilot in the Army Air Force in Italy in World War II. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 7 months. After returning home he was active in local affairs. They had a son, Thomas William, born 29 December 1947, who married Nancy Karen Kohler in 1967 and had two children, Carolyn Kay, born February, 1968, and Thomas William, Jr., born December, 1969.

Della Jane (Keeney) Bradley still resides in Belton and has one son, Ralph, who lives with his wife, Jane, in Windsor, Mo. No children.

Claude C. Keeney lives in Appleton City, St. Clair County, Missouri with his wife Alta (Thomas) Keeney. They were married November, 1952. No children.

Through the years the Keeneys have been farmers and carpenters, engaged in services for the public and in the postal service. There have been Keeneys in Cass County for 147 years.

TIMOTHY KELLEY

Timothy Kelley was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, January 2, 1864. In 1881 he was sent to Cass County to look after a ranch which his father had acquired the year before as partial payment of a debt owed him by the railroad. (1880 was the year the Missouri Pacific Railroad was built south through Cass County). The land was located seven miles south of Harrisonville and a little west.

Tim was seventeen at the time and had spent his early years in Portsmouth. Before coming to Missouri, he had spent three years with an uncle in Iowa, which is where he learned to farm. The land was a veritable wilderness at the time. Indian Maize was still growing on some parts of the ranch.

Tim boarded with the Ed Summers family who lived near until he built a cabin and got established. A portion of the land was later taken over by his brother, Joe Kelley, who later sold it and established a harness business in Harrisonville.

Hannah Norton was born in Bloomington, Illinois on October 1, 1876. The Norton family moved to Kansas City in 1879, where Mr. Norton worked in a brick yard. City life did not appeal to the family and in 1889 they acquired a farm in Cass County. It was located south of Harrisonville in the Lone Tree community. Hannah attended parochial school in Kansas City and later, the Lone Tree school. In 1896 the Nortons moved to Butler, in Bates County. Their Cass County farm was near the one operated by Tim Kelley and on January 27, 1897 Hannah Norton and Tim Kelley were married in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Butler, Missouri.

The Kelleys made their home on the farm that Tim was operating. They were the parents of two sons, Phillip H. and John Norton. Their sons attended the Elm Branch school and learned farming from their father. After graduating from the Harrisonville high school, John moved to Kansas City, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Tim was a successful farmer and stockman. He kept in close touch with agricultural developments and put these into practical use on his farm. The Kelleys were active members of the Farm Bureau. Hannah served as the second president of the Cass County Extention Council, 1931-1933.

Tim passed away October 5, 1941, after a long illness. He had spent sixty years on the land his father had sent him to settle. Hannah remained on the farm until October, 1943. She continued the operation of the farm and successfully raised chickens and turkeys on a large scale, which was an aspect of farming that they had not tried before. World War II, however, made it difficult to keep help and forced her retirement.

She moved to Harrisonville and became active in Civic affairs. She was instrumental in the organization of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. She was also an active member of the Cass County Democratic Women's Club. She remained alert and interested in things around her until her death on April 24, 1968, at the age of 91 years.

JOHN F. KELLY

John F. Kelly was the first-born son of Joseph D. and Elizabeth Kelly. Joseph was born in Pennsylvania in 1833. In 1862 he married Elizabeth Butcher of Pennsylvania and they later moved to Kentucky. Joseph fought in the Civil War.

John F. Kelly was born in Pennsylvania in 1863. In 1886 he married Lulu Minch of Kentucky. Lulu was a daughter of Jacob and Agnes (Denu) Minch, who met on a ship coming from Germany to this country. They married and settled in Kentucky. Jacob was a shoemaker.

John had one brother, George Kelly, who married Minnie Reed, and they were parents of four children — James, Edward, Jack and Beulah.

Joseph, John and George Kelly and their families emigrated to Cass County, Missouri, in 1887. In 1896 they moved to Douglas County, Missouri in covered wagons. John Kelly moved to the Peculiar area in 1910, and later to Pleasant Hill, Missouri, where he engaged in farming.

John and Lulu Kelly were parents of eight children:

Elizabeth married Lester Parris, a farmer. They were parents of five children — Goldie (Mrs. Willis F. Sweetland), Parlie, Florence (Mrs. Clarence Yoder), Ruby (Mrs. Harry Coleman) and Russell. All of the children are still living in Pleasant Hill.

Joseph Kelly married Lulu Cassody about 1918 when he returned from service in the Armed Forces during World War I. They lived near Harrisonville, where Joe engaged in farming. Robert Cassody, a nephew of Lulu, was reared in their home. Robert lives in Harrisonville. Joe and Lulu are deceased.

Frank Kelly worked as a truck driver. He married Georgia Hann and they were parents of two children, Maxine and Pauline.

Grace married Chester Wass, a farmer, and they were parents of three children — Cecil, Tommie Hand, and Johnnie, who died in early childhood. Cecil Wass lives in Kansas City, Missouri and Tommie Hand lives in Pleasant Hill. Grace and Chester are deceased.

Bryan Kelly worked as a meat processor. He married Gladys Oesch of East Lynne, Missouri. They are parents of two children, Donald and Nylene. Bryan and Gladys live in Fayette, Missouri.

Marvin (Ted) Kelly worked as a clerk. He married Lottie Cassody and they were parents of two children, Wayne and Amy Lou Plunkett. Wayne and his wife live near Harrisonville. Ted and Lottie live in East Lynne, Missouri.

Orval Kelly, a farmer, married Lucinda Hobbs, a school teacher. They are parents of one daughter, Orva Jane.

Harry Kelly, who served in the Armed Forces in World War II, married Edith (Oney) Watson. They live in Pleasant Hill and have a daughter, Joann.

CHARLES A. KENAGY

Charles Allen Kenagy, oldest son of Urvin Allen and Bertha Maude Gross Kenagy, was born July 23, 1907 in Indian Territory near Muskogee, Oklahoma. The family moved to the farm of John B. Kenagy north of Garden City, Cass County where he grew to manhood. He helped his father on the farm becoming the "water boy" for the thrashing rig run by his father at the age of 8. At the age of 12 years he had full responsibility of running the steam engine. He opened a gas station and shop in Garden City in 1929, which is still in operation as the Kenagy Service.

He married Venna Faye Leavell (June 23, 1908-Aug. 6, 1945), daughter of Thomas Allen and Maude Mae Gundy Leaveall, of Austin, at Liberty, Mo. on October 29, 1931. Their children, all born in Garden City, were: Iona Maude; Charlene Faye married Lloyd Turner and Norman Allen married Phyllis Schriner, of Indianola, Iowa. Waunita Ruth died at 5 months of age.

He married Katherine Jane Reynolds in 1946, daughter of Roy G. and Adeline Duvall Reynolds, of Drexel, Mo. Their children were: Charles Roy, Elizabeth Adeline, William David, James Urvin and Gary Wayne. All were born in Harrisonville. Roy married Joyce Plank of Raytown, Mo.; David married Sherry Fick, of St. Louis; Gary married Jane Cochran of Blairstown, Mo. Grandchildren are: Vivian Kaye Turner, Overland Park, Kans.; Susan Faye, Phillip Allen and Sharon Diana, children of Norman, of Grandview, Mo., and Eric Russel, child of David, of Liberty, Mo. James married Roberta Nikkle of Kansas City.

The Charles Kenagy Family.

JACOB C. KENAGY

Jacob C. Kenagy was born Aug. 4, 1821, Mifflin Co., Pa., died March 6, 1894, married Oct. 21, 1847 Elizabeth Yoder born Nov. 14, 1828, Wayne Co., O., died June 11, 1912, daughter of Peter Yoder. Jacob C. Kenagy moved to Logan Co., O. 1845 then in 1866 to 1 mile E. of East Lynne, Cass Co., Mo. He was a farmer and a Bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church, was a founder of the Amish Church SE of East Lynne and preached there until his death. He and his wife had 7 children: John Kenagy born Apr. 5, 1848, died Aug. 8, 1852; Emanuel L. Kenagy born March 13, 1850, died March 31, 1927, a building contractor and owner of a cider mill and fruit cannery; Christian Kenagy born Feb. 23, 1851, died Aug. 18, 1852; Emma Kenagy born Oct. 10, 1859, died Sept. 4, 1932, unmarried; Sarah Kenagy born Aug. 7, 1864, died 1960, unmarried; Jacob L. Kenagy; Solomon Kenagy, who built

buggies in Garden City, Mo., went to Montana, returned to Mo. where he worked in a large flour mill in North Kansas City, had wife Mary and children Nellie, Elsa and Ellsworth.

Jacob Levi Kenagy was born March 23, 1868, East Lynne, Mo., died Aug. 11, 1958, married Nov. 1, 1891 Mary Elizabeth Landers born Jan. 14, 1871, Lone Jack, Mo., died Apr. 12, 1950. He was an engineer, worked at a flour mill and saw mill, then farmer, moved from near East Lynne to Colorado 1918 and farmed in the Holbrook area. He and his wife had 6 children: Bessie Irene Kenagy born Sept. 22, 1892, school teacher and beauty shop operator, unmarried, lives La Junta, Colo.; Grace Lea Kenagy born Nov. 28, 1894, married Dec. 24, 1913 Ralph Lewis Cook born Oct. 28, 1893, died Feb. 24, 1919, one daughter Velma Cook born Sept. 25, 1914, Fairfax, Mo., who is now married; Ralph Jacob Kenagy; Irma Mae Kenagy, twin, born Sept. 14, 1906, married Cecil Miller. She did clerical work in the Otero Co., Colo. Courthouse many years, later moving to Denver, was receptionist in a hospital, has daughter Linda Elaine Miller born Feb. 18, 1941; Earl Frances Kenagy, twin, born Sept. 14, 1906, a farmer until World War II when he enlisted and served through the war, now retired from work as engineer for over 30 years for A.T.&S.F. Railroad; Alta Louise Kenagy born Oct. 10, 1912, now retired from work as accountant with Western Federal Savings & Loan, Denver, Colo.

Ralph Jacob Kenagy was born Feb. 24, 1903, East Lynne, Mo., married Oct. 4, 1924 Frances Adcock, lives Swink, Colo., is in automobile repairs business, has daughters Patricia Jean and Peggy Joan. Patricia Jean Kenagy was born Apr. 21, 1931, La Junta, Colo., married June 22, 1948 Dave Zimmerman, has 4 children: Marie Annette born July 8, 1949; Dave Clayton born July 12, 1951; Pamela Jean born Jan. 29, 1956; Ralph Fenton born Apr. 21, 1963. Peggy Joan Kenagy was born Sept. 18, 1935, married Apr. 3, 1955 David Gearhart, has children Eleanor Deanne, born Jan. 13, 1957 and Randall Dean, born Jan. 2, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Kenagy.

KENAGY FAMILY

The Kenagy family in Cass County are descendants of Joseph or Johannes born 1720 in Switzerland, came to America and settled in Berks Co., Pa., in 1770. One of his 5 sons, Jacob (1760), born in England, was the father of John (1785) and David (1787) whose children and grandchildren were among the Amish and Mennonite migration to Cass County beginning in 1866 following the Civil war. There are over 30 different spellings of the family name, oftentimes 2 or 3 ways being used within the same set of brothers and sisters. The Swiss spelling is Gnaegi. There are several different immigrants, however, it is believed that all are related. The Gnaegi Family Association genealogist is Russell F. Kenaga, Jr., 10777 S.E. Ridgeway Dr., Portland, Oregon 97266.

John (1785) married 1st Mary Hooley. His son John H. (1816) married Gertrude Yoder, came to a farm east of East Lynne. Children: David Peter (1847) married Catherine Kinsinger; Levi Hooley (1856-1943) married Adeline Johnson (1854-1928); Rudolph H. (1849) married Sarah Coffman (1859); Mary Elizabeth (1859-1920) married Joseph Kinsinger; Jacob Thomas (1861) married Julia Brookshire; Emma married Johnathan Yoder; Asa, unmarried. Mary Kenagy, daughter of John (1785), married Jonathan King. Their daughter Mary married Stephen Kauffman who came from St. Joseph County, Michigan and settled on the farm now owned by Ralph Rushley. John (1785) married 2nd Sarah Byler. His son Asa married Saloma Yoder. He died near West Liberty, Ohio leaving 4 sons, Rufus Augustus (1855) married Sarah Greaser; Adolphus married 1st Lydia Yoder, 2nd Emma Connard; John Buff married Hattie Sliffe; Christian Colombo married Susie Sharp (all of Cass County). Saloma married 2nd C. P. Yoder of Cass County in 1870, whose wife, Lydia King, had died in 1869, was the first person buried in Clearfork cemetery, and came to Cass County, bringing the 4 sons of Asa. C. P. Yoder and Issac Greaser, married to Elizabeth Root (Rutt), came in 1866 buying several hundred acres of land in Camp Branch township which was sold to the incoming Mennonite families. Joshua married Martha Yoder, a brother of Asa, had 2 daughters, Lydia Luella, married to S. R. Yoder, and Mary E., married to John B. Yoder (brothers), who came from near Topeka, Ind.

Children of David, married to Rebecca Hertzler, who made their home in Cass, were: Soloman (1818 unmarried); Jacob C. born Mifflin Co., Pa., Aug. 2, 1821, died Mar. 6, 1894, married Elizabeth Yoder, moved to Cass in 1866. Children: John, Emanuel, Christian, Emma, Sarah, Jacob L., Solomon. (He was Bishop and minister of the Amish settlement.) Sarah married Eli Byler, lived north of East Lynne. Children: Levi K. and Rebecca, unmarried, Menno.; Elias married Nancy Plank. Children: David, Barbara Ella (Returned to Belleville, Pa.); Christian died April 30, 1873, buried on farm of John H. Kenagy, married Rebecca Zook, was carpenter. Lived East Lynne. Children: David T., Amanda Olive, Ella.; Jonthan married Sarah Stutzman, Children: Lydia (3 daughters died during 1870's and buried on John H. Kenagy farm). Returned to Buttermilk Cornors, Ind. by 1880.

A reunion for the area Kenagy family is held each year having an average attendance of 75-100 people. Since most of the early families were of the Mennonite faith, genealogical information is available thru the church libraries and the Gnaegi family association.

EDWARD F. KENNEDY

Edward F. Kennedy, the son of William and Nancy Lowry Kennedy, was born in Harrisonville 17 December 1875. In

1896 he started the New Method Steam Laundry, the first in the county. He married Ethel Harriet Woods, daughter of John and Elizabeth Keith Woods, on 19 January, 1903. Born of this union were Edward Lyle, 31 December, 1903; Don Woods 5 November, 1907; and Claude Eldred in 1909. Ed and Ethel were active in the Christian Church, and Ed served several terms on the Harrisonville City Council. He was Chief of the city's volunteer fire department for many years before it was taken over by the American Legion. The fourth location of the laundry, at 200 W. Wall Street, was almost completed at the time of his untimely death on 29 November, 1929.

Lyle, working and attending college in Kansas City, returned to Harrisonville to aid in moving the plant and management of the laundry. He was elected to the city council and later was Superintendent of construction of the East Pearl and West Washington paving projects; designing and building the pavement on North Independence. In 1942 he went to Springfield on a construction project, then returned to Kansas City. He is now retired from the University of Missouri at Kansas City after 26 years as an administrator and counselor.

Don and Eldred assisted their mother in the laundry until Eldred was drafted and served in the Navy in World War II. The business was then sold. After the war, Ethel Kennedy and Eldred bought interest in a Parsons, Kans. laundry, which was soon sold, and Eldred moved to Kansas City. He is now retired.

Don and his mother returned to Harrisonville. Ethel Kennedy died 24 December, 1969 and Don, unmarried, died 13 August, 1975. They, along with Ed. F., are buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville.

Claude Eldred married Marjorie Miller, the daughter of Robert Henry and Margaret Roupe Miller, on 15 February, 1930. They were the parents of two sons; Edward on 10 March, 1936 and Barry on 15 May, 1938, both residing in Kansas City. Barry is a teacher at the Oak Park High School and has one daughter, Kristi. Marjorie Kennedy died 4 August, 1973.

Lyle married Grace Ellen Uhrig on 15 April, 1924. She is the daughter of Henry August and Fannie Smith Uhrig of Carrollton, Mo. William Lyle, the son of Lyle and Grace, born on 9 September, 1936, is the only descendant of old Zadok remaining in the county bearing the Kennedy name. He has one daughter, Elise. Jean, their daughter, born 7 February, 1931, is the wife of Robert W. Atkinson, the son of Leroy and Bessie Easterla Atkinson of Archie, Mo. Their sons, William, David, Robert and Paul, although not bearing the Kennedy name, are the sixth generation of the blood of Zadok and Cynthia Collins Kennedy.

ETHEL WOODS KENNEDY

Joseph and Rachel Skidmore moved, before the Revolution, from Norfolk Virginia and settled in either Bath or Pendleton Co., Virginia (now West Virginia). They were the parents of at least three children, John, Andrew and Elizabeth.

John was born in Pendleton Co. in 1725. He married Mary Hinkle and a daughter, Phebe, was born to them on 22 October, 1765. Captain Skidmore commanded the Greenbriar Militia at the Battle of Point Pleasant 10 Oct., 1774 and was badly wounded in the hip.

Phebe Skidmore became the wife of Alexander Taylor who was born 6 Jan., 1762 in Glasgow, Scotland. Sometime after their marriage the couple moved to Champaign, Ohio. Their third child and first son, Archibald, was born there on 27 October, 1795. The names of their children were: Nancy, Margaret, Archibald, Florence, Rachel, Phebe, Susannah, and John. Alexander Taylor died 5 September, 1834 and his wife, Phebe, died in September, 1824.

In 1812 Archibald Taylor was a member of a rifle company that assembled at Warm Springs, Virginia in the war of that year. He saw no action as the war ended without the company being called into action.

It was while in this service in Virginia that he met and married Elizabeth Friend. She was born 5 November, 1800 in Pendleton Co., the daughter of Thomas Friend, who was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Skidmore Friend, making the couple second cousins. They were married 15 September, 1824.

Archibald and Elizabeth Friend Taylor were the parents of seven children: Harriet N., 15 August, 1825; Rachel, 20 January, 1827; Susannah A., 19 June, 1829; Douglass, 10 November, 1831; Gustavus, 27 June, 1834; John S., 4 January, 1837; Alexander T., 22 November, 1842. Archibald died 4 May, 1889. Elizabeth died 9 February, 1866, both in Braxton Co., West Virginia.

Harriet N. Taylor became the wife of Albert G. Keith, a carpenter from Lewis Co., in 1851. In the spring of 1856 the family migrated to Cass County, Missouri and settled on a farm near Garden City. They were the parents of five children: Dora, Elizabeth Taylor, Archibald Alexander, Susan Virginia and Harriet Taylor.

Elizabeth Taylor Keith was born in Braxton County, West Virginia on 25 September, 1854. She was married to John J. Woods on 20 November, 1874 in Cass Co. He was the son of Granville P. and Deniza Hubble Woods. To them were born five children: Florence Alma (Burch) 16 August, 1875-4 July, 1971, Walter Levi, Ethel Harriet, Elsye Grace (Edwards) and John William. Elizabeth Keith Woods died in Harrisonville on 2 May, 1911. John Woods died in 1924. They are buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

Ethel Harriet was born on 29 October, 1879 near Garden City, Mo. When a young lady she moved with her family to Harrisonville where they lived on a stock farm called "Woodland Stock Farm," located on the South edge of town. On 19 January, 1903 Ethel Harriet and Edward F. Kennedy were married in her parents' home. They set up housekeeping in the "Klondike" area of Harrisonville, now known as Forest Ave. It was here their three children were born. They are Edward Lyle, Don Woods, and Claude Eldred. (See Edward F. Kennedy)

ZADOK S. KENNEDY

Zadok S. Kennedy was born in North Ireland 13 December, 1819. Sometime in the 18th Century his ancestors had crossed the narrow North Channel from the home of the Kennedy clan in Ayrshire, as did many other Scots, to locate in the sparsely settled land there.

When he was about 21 years of age Zadok migrated to

Bourbon County, Kentucky, and there met the Collins family who had settled there in Daniel Boone's time. A daughter, Cynthia America, so named as she was their first child born in the United States on 4 June, 1818, became his wife on 18 December, 1844.

In 1853 they and their four children, Mary, Taylor, William and Edgar left Kentucky and settled on a farm about 5 miles North of Harrisonville, Mo. The next year Madora was born and their first-born, Mary, died. Later, Walter, Thomas, Lou and Mollie were born there. Mollie died at age 12 and Thomas at age 19.

Zadok was a prosperous farmer, and although he never sought office, he was active in county and community affairs, and a friend of Joseph A. Easley, deputy sheriff. It was through this friendship that Zadok was involved in the so-called "Gunn City Massacre".

Of the four sons of Zadok and Cynthia, only Edgar never married and remained on the home farm. After Zadok died 30 April, 1893, Edgar continued to operate the farm until his mother's health failed and they moved to Harrisonville. There he cared for her until her death 5 March, 1915. Edgar died in 1932.

Taylor owned a farm in the Ore community near Pleasant Hill. Two of his grandsons, Terry Kennedy and Delmer now live in Holden, Mo. Madora Kennedy Bailey lived in Eldorado Springs, Mo. Lou Kennedy Winn died in 1913.

William married Nancy Lowry, daughter of Olaner and Mary Belcher Lowry of Coatville County, Illinois. They were the parents of four children: Edward F., Zaddock Larkin, Minnie and John Wesley (called Don).

William was a "steam engine" man, ran a threshing crew, worked in the mill and operated the Harrisonville light plant until about 1915 when the plant was sold and the franchise awarded to the Green interests in Pleasant Hill. (Now the Missouri Public Service Co.) He lost his right arm just below the elbow when just a young man in a mill accident, but it was said he could do more work with one arm than most men could with two.

William was past 65 when the light plant was sold, but not ready for a life of retirement, so they sold their home and moved to the "four corner" section of Colorado and homesteaded. Don, who had not married and worked for the Hurley Lumber Yard, went with them. In 1918 he married Emma Gilliland and they were the parents of five children, including two sets of twins. Zaddock (Zed) had married Zadah Irvin and lived in Kansas City. They soon moved, with their four daughters, to Colorado. Minnie married Claude Plain, Missouri Pacific Agent at Butler.

Nancy Lowry Kennedy died and was buried in Yellow Jacket, Colo., 16 April, 1925. After her death William came back to Missouri and made his home with Minnie in Butler. He died in 1934 and is buried in the Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville.

SIMPSON KERR

John B. and George T. Kerr came to the northwest section of Cass County in 1883. They were both natives of Madison County, Kentucky. Their father, Simpson Kerr, had settled in Old Westport, Jackson County, in 1865; he later joined his two sons in Cass County, where he died in 1881. John and George had another brother, Caleb D., and a sister, Lizzie, who moved to Cass County in the 1870's. Lizzie married James Cassell and they raised their family, two sons and three girls, in the Belton area. Caleb married Pauline Kidwell of Estill County, Kentucky, and they had six children, Nannie Brown, who married Sid J. Hamilton, Brutus, who lost his life in the Klondike, Virgil C., G. Kirby, Daniel and Mayme who married Walter LaMar.

John married Ada Kisinger and they had three children, Alva, Mabel and Bertie, who married Roy W. Mosby, and their son, LeRoy Kerr Mosby, still lives in Belton.

George married Cinderella McKinney of the Martin City area, and they have one son, Clark.

MAUDE WALTMIRE KETTEMAN

Maude Waltmire was born to W. W. and Addie D. Waltmire in 1885 at Carbondale, Kansas. Later, she, with her parents, moved back to Delavan, Illinois and then to Missouri in 1901.

Maude was a talented musician and attended the Conservatory of Music in Kansas City for many years. She gave piano lessons. In 1910, she was married to Charley Ketteman, of the Bethany Church vicinity. They were the parents of Charley Gilbert, of Belton; Margaret, Mrs. John Schwab of Whittier, California and Jaunita, Mrs. Tracy DeLozier, of Warrensburg, Missouri. Maude passed away in 1927.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN KEYTON

Benjamin Franklin Keyton was born the second son of James Franklin and Pamelia Powell Keyton, on March 22, 1847 in Albermarle County, Charlottesville, Old Virginia.

Benjamin's mother died when he was less than a year old and his father died when he was seven. He lived with a step sister for one year after the death of his father and then was "farmed out" to an Abe Smith.

Life with Mr. Smith wasn't always pleasant and at fifteen years of age he ran away from him and joined the Confederate Army, where first he served as a "drummer-boy" and later under General Pickett.

The Civil War over, Benjamin moved west-ward, coming to Marshall, Missouri in Saline County in the year of 1867. With the itch to keep pressing on he moved to Old Westport (now Kansas City) in 1872.

It was in Old Westport that he met and married Lottie A. Singleton on November 10, 1874. Being a religious man, the Keytons united with the Westport Christian Church on August 26, 1876.

Having a family in mind and knowing a city was no place to raise his family, and always having been interested in farming and livestock, he purchased and moved to a farm southwest of Strasburg, Cass County, in 1877.

It was here in this farm house that seven of nine children

were born to this couple and they were blessed by seeing six grow to adult men and women: Manoah C., 5-5-1877 to 1-8-1957; Cora (Mrs. Carl Schafer), 9-22-1879; Lena (Mrs. Tom Ketteman), 6-23-1884 to 10-10-1965; Amy (Mrs. Everett Dillon), 2-28-1887; Proctor, 1-19-1892 to 9-28-1954; and Russell, 11-9-1895 to 8-18-1972.

It was here in this house, as Benjamin lay sleeping by the side of his life companion, that she was taken from him by heart failure during the morning hours of December 22, 1924.

Benjamin lived alone until April 25, 1925, when he met a tragic and untimely death as he attempted to drive his horse and buggy through the rain swollen waters of Big Creek just north of the farm home — horse, buggy and Benjamin were swept away by the current!

Benjamin and Lottie are buried in the Strasburg cemetery just south of Strasburg, Missouri.

JOSEPH KIMBERLIN

Joseph Kimberlin, born Nov. 30, 1811, died Jan. 20, 1887, married Oct. 31, 1833, Va., Hannah Griffith, and with her brother, Alexander Griffith, moved to Mo. 1845, buying land at the location of present Dayton, Cass Co. They had 5 children, Sarah, Robert Henry, Elizabeth, Charles A. and William Andrew.

William Andrew Kimberlin, born Jan. 11, 1851, Dayton, died July 9, 1937, married Nov. 27, 1878 Sarah L. West. At an early age he went into the business of a general store with his brother, Charles A. Kimberlin, who also taught school in Dayton and was Justice of the Peace for a number of years. Charles A., died 1925, married Amanda Pulliam and had 8 children of whom a son, R. Cass Kimberlin, was judge on the County Court of Cass Co. for 2 terms and Recorder of Deeds for 2 terms.

William A. Kimberlin was postmaster at Dayton during the Benjamin Harrison Administration. He was too young to be in the Civil War (his father was serving in the Confederate Army under Gen. Sterling Price) but did experience the ravages of border warfare. One cold winter night, troops from Kansas in Federal uniform came through Dayton, aroused him and his mother and made his mother kill and cook all of their chickens. After the meal, as leaving, the troops chopped holes in the weather boarding, poured in oil and burned the home. In 1885 the railroad was built through Garden City, 5 miles N. of Dayton, and the following spring he moved to Garden City and built a home. He was in the hardware, banking and stock raising business for many years. William A. and Sarah L. (West) Kimberlin had 3 children: Eula Lee Kimberlin, born Aug. 25, 1880; Grover C. Kimberlin, born Apr. 2, 1883, died Feb. 20, 1960; Elizabeth Catherine Kimberlin, born May 24, 1891, died Nov. 9, 1973.

Eula Lee Kimberlin married Dec. 23, 1903, Earl E. Carter. He was a railroad dispatcher, died Feb. 20, 1967. Mrs. Carter still lives in Fla. They had one son, Beuran Andrew Carter, born Sept. 4, 1905, married Apr. 6, 1944 Virginia Sherill, was in the wholesale and retail mercantile business.

Grover C. Kimberlin was in the mercantile business in Garden City with Hubert M. Ferrell continuously from 1901 until his death. He married Jan. 19, 1910 Geneva Claire Morlan, daughter of Edwin Bruce and Laura Jane (McCulloh) Morlan. They had one son, William M. Kimberlin born Nov. 20, 1915, of Harrisonville, Mo., who has been mayor of Harrisonville, Prosecuting Attorney of Cass Co. and Circuit Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Mo. He married Jan. 9, 1946 Martha Flowers Bumby of Orlando, Fla. They have 2 children: Marsha Jan Kimberlin, born July 26, 1948, who has a Master's Degree in Education, teaches school in North Kansas City, Mo., and is engaged to be married July, 1976 to Victor B. Peters; and William Bruce Kimberlin born Aug. 19, 1950, who is a graduate of the University of Mo. and an auditor in the trust department of a bank.

Elizabeth Catherine Kimberlin married March 14, 1912 James William Sexton of Sturgeon, Mo. He was the owner and publisher of several newspapers in Cass Co., died Aug. 31, 1957. They had one son, Winton K. Sexton born Feb. 16, 1921. Winton K. Sexton, a bomber pilot during World War II, was shot down twice in North Africa and Sicily, subsequently captured and later escaped from the enemy in Northern Italy. He served 2 terms as Circuit Clerk of Cass Co. He married Oct. 7, 1942 Margaret Anne Lause and they have 2 children, Winton K., Jr. and Anne Marie. Winton K. Sexton, Jr., born July 25, 1945, is the present editor of the Blue Springs Examiner, married Aug. 18, 1966 Carolyn June Bailey, has 2 children, Anthony Kimberlin Sexton, born June 5, 1967, and Tina Kay Sexton, born Apr. 30, 1969. Anne Marie Sexton, born Oct. 23, 1946, married Nov. 11, 1968 Roger Neil Harrison and has a daughter, Mary Christine Harrison, born Jan. 18, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kimberlin.

JACOB F. KINCADE

Jacob F. Kincade was born Sept. 10, 1865 in Tennessee. He was the son of Jackson and Alice Kincade. He came in early childhood to Chariton County, Missouri and the family located not far from Keytesville. Later they came to Cass County, Missouri. There Jacob met and married Miss Lucinda May Cordell on Jan. 1, 1889. She was born Feb. 2, 1869 in Bedford County, Pa. To this union eight children were born: Oscar, Nellie, John, Earl, Elizabeth, Cora, Earnest and a son dying in infancy.

Oscar married Grace Parris and to this union two children were born. Nellie married Edwin Kane. John married Jean Sharp. Earl married Elsie Dudley. Elizabeth married Tom Akers and to this union one son was born. Cora married Ivan Van Meter and to this union three children were born. Earnest married Nealie Cope and to this union four children were born.

Jacob and Lucinda (Cordell) Kincade spent their entire married life in the Harrisonville and Freeman community, farming and raising livestock.

CHRISTIAN K. KING

Christian K. King was the fifth child of eight children born to Christian S. King and Lytha Kauffman King. Christian was born Feb. 10, 1830 and died Aug. 26, 1872. Lytha was born in Pennsylvania April 13, 1833, and died Aug. 7, 1868. Tradition says the ancestors go back to three brothers: Jacob, Christian and Samuel Koenig, who came to Pennsylvania from Rotterdam, Holland. Christian S. King, a minister, lived in the Logan-Champaign area in Ohio, where all the children were born:

Samuel, born August, 1854, never married; Jonathan, born July 3, 1857, married, four children not living; David, born March 1, 1859, never married; Solomon, born August 25, 1860, married, five children, first wife died in 1903, married again in 1910; Christian K., born Feb. 22, 1862, died April 22, 1939; Anna L., born Jan. 14, 1864, died Oct. 24, 1871; Fannie, born Oct. 2, 1865, died May 20, 1958, married to Noah J. Yoder Feb. 5, 1891, four children; Jacob, born May 7, 1867, never married. After Lytha died in 1868, Christian S. married a second time to Nancy _____. To them a son, Jeremiah, was born Aug. 2, 1872. He died in 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian K. King were married Dec. 23, 1890, by Bishop J. C. Kenagy, and they lived about three miles northeast of East Lynne, later moving to Garden City. Their nine children: Henry K., born Oct. 9, 1891, married to Anna L. Hartzler on Oct. 19, 1913, six children; Elba, born Feb. 25, 1893, died Sept. 5, 1898; Viola, born April 9, 1895, married Levi Troyer on Feb. 28, 1926, two children, Viola died Oct. 24, 1953, Levi was accidentally killed Dec. 10, 1953; Marvin H., born June 5, 1897, married Jan. 11, 1925 to Florence Baker, two children; Clara, born April 23, 1899, married Sept. 10, 1922 to Joseph Zimmerman who was killed accidentally Oct. 17, 1932, two children; Adelia, born July 21, 1902, never married; Arami R., born June 21, 1904, married May 4, 1930 to Bertha Detweiler, six children; Hubert, born April 16, 1908, married Dec. 27, 1936 to Alice Heiser, two children; Clarence, born Jan. 12, 1911, never married.

A carpenter and contractor, Christian K. King was a hard working man, whose days began before breakfast and ended after supper by working in his shop. Henry remembers his first lessons in using a saw, plane and sandpaper, and the first job he helped with was putting a new roof on a large barn in the country. Henry was 10 years old, and he placed the shingles ahead of his father. One of Henry's chores was to care for the team of bronco horses that the father used to go to work. Two men who helped carpenter King were Sol Kenagy and Dan West. They usually worked ten hours a day, six days a week, and at a nominal wage.

Christian K. King was a Mennonite. He built many houses and two churches in the Garden City area. After the family home was destroyed by fire, the family moved to Harper, Kans., in 1917, where there was plenty of work, and where Mr. and Mrs. King lived the rest of their days.

ISAAC KING

Isaac King, an early settler of Cass Co., Missouri, was born July 8, 1821, in Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania. He moved with his family to Fairfield Co., Ohio, at the age of twelve, where he long engaged in farming. In 1850 he moved to Logan Co., Ohio, where he continued to farm. He came to Cass Co., Missouri, during 1867, locating six miles east of Harrisonville, where by 1880 he had acquired 320 acres of good land. Soon after he built or had built a fine two-story Colonial style house, with elaborate wainscoting and molded plaster ceiling, on one part of his farm, which is still standing today. Here he continued to farm, making his farm to compare favorably with any in the community. Mr. King was married to Miss Rebecca Yoder, who also was from Ohio, and was a sister of Solomon Yoder, who was the first of the Mennonite faith to settle here in 1860. Mr. and Mrs. King were the parents of eight children; Elizabeth, Miriam, Emma, Charity, Isaiah, John, Amandus and Amos, who died at the age of seventeen. Mrs. King's death occurred in September of 1869, only two years after coming to Cass Co. They were charter members of the Mennonite church here. He married again in December of the same year, to Mrs. Lydia Miller, a widow with three children from a previous marriage; Peter, John and David Klopfenstin. Isaac King passed away July 28, 1897. His son, John, continued to farm 80 acres of the original 320 acres. John was married June 2, 1901 to Mrs. Susan Hartzler, a widow with three children, from her former marriage; Anna, Ora and Clarence. To this union, a daughter, Sylva, was born. But not too long after, his health began to fail, and twenty months later, he passed away on February 26, 1903. Mrs. King continued to live on the farm, her sons taking over the farming as soon as they were old enough, keeping the 80 acres all tillable and free of ditches. Mrs. King passed away on January 29, 1930. Today, one of Isaac King's step-great-grandsons, is still farming a large part of the original 320 acres, in addition to a dairy and hog raising enterprise. 80 acres of the original 320 acres of land, being in the family more than a hundred years.

The Isaac King home built in 1868.

JACOB KING

Jacob and Julia Ann (Kimberlin) King moved to Hickory County, Missouri from Whyte County, Virginia June 7, 1842.

Two of their nine children moved their families to Cass County, Missouri in the year 1903.

Columbus (Lum) Agrippa King, with his family, came to Cass County early in the year 1903 and were engaged in farming in the community formerly known as No. 8 school district in Dayton Township, located approximately five miles northwest of Creighton, Missouri or seven miles southeast of Garden City, Missouri.

Leroy King, elder son of Elijah King, came to Cass County and was employed as a farm hand prior to the family moving here.

In August, 1903, Elijah Hawkins King, his wife, Mary Etta (McGee) King, and children, Nona, Claude, Grace, Elmer and Mabel came by railroad to Garden City, Missouri. Another son, Wilbur, then about eleven years of age, came by covered wagon with two men moving the King family furniture. He chose to travel by wagon so he could bring his little dog, Friskie.

After living briefly in Garden City, they moved to the tenant house of William Kelly where Elijah was employed by Mr. Kelly for several years as a farmer.

The Kings mostly were of Baptist faith. Their political views were Republican.

Descendants of Columbus King still living in Cass County in 1973 were a daughter, Ida (King) Sexson, Garden City, Missouri and two great-granddaughters, Marilyn Kay and Debra Mae, daughters of Jack Sexson.

Descendants of Elijah King residing in Cass County in 1973 were four grandsons, Robert King of Drexel, Missouri; Guy King, Archie, Missouri; Edgar King, Garden City, Missouri and Glenn King, Harrisonville, Missouri; two granddaughters, Jaunita (King) Kerr, Belton, Missouri and Faye (King) Zimmerman. Also a grandson, Jesse P. Sexson, Creighton, Missouri; a granddaughter, Mary (Sexson) Gregg, Creighton, Missouri and a granddaughter, Kathleen (King) Polzin, Creighton, Missouri and two other grandsons, Wayne King, Garden City, Missouri and Donald Ray King, Harrisonville, Missouri.

These grandchildren are sons and daughters of Leroy King, Nona (King) Sexson and Wilbur King, respectively. Several great-grandchildren are Cass County residents.

WILLIAM HARVEY KING

William Harvey King and wife moved from Gallia County, Ohio in the fall of 1870 and located in Cass County. They moved to Raymore in the spring of 1873. William owned 160 acres of land, all fenced and in cultivation with a good house and bearing orchard. This farm was located one mile south and a quarter mile east of Raymore. Two children were born to this union, Irena and Peter. The mother died, and in 1883, Mr. King married Augusta Coughenour. On February 23, 1885, their son, Earle, was born. He lived his entire sixty years on this farm. He attended the rural school of Greelee, high school at Belton and one year of normal school at Merwin, south of Drexel. Small towns in the 1880s and 1890s had normal schools.

Earle King married Olive Smith, of Lee's Summit, November 10, 1909. Four children were born to this union; Ilene (Mrs. Tieck, of Norwalk, Calif.); Mildred Louise; Florice and Lowell, all living now at Peculiar. Earle spent most of his life farming and the farm was known as the Kingsdale Oxford farm, as he raised many sheep. He was interested in civic affairs, served on the school board, the township board and was a member of the Cass County Court from the north district. He was elected Judge of the County Court in August of 1942 and served until his death on May 18, 1945.

Lowell remained on the family farm with his mother doing the farming until 1953, the year the farm was sold to Ben Benjamin of Kansas City, Missouri. Lowell was married to Le Orra Glover of Harrisonville on June 25th, 1950. Le Orra was the daughter of J. D. Glover of Harrisonville. Mr. Glover was a native of Kingsville in Cass County.

Lowell was employed by the Bendix Corp. of Kansas City, Missouri in September, 1951 and farmed and worked both until November, 1953, when all moved to Peculiar. He is still employed by Bendix as this goes to press. Lowell built a new home then and his mother a new one in 1954. Mrs. King, Lowell's mother, passed away December 26, 1964.

Two sons were born to Lowell and Le Orra. Earl Wayne born Feb. 28, 1953 and David Byron, born Dec. 28, 1954. There is presently one grandson born to David and wife Cheryl, named Brian Wayne, who was born September 13, 1974.

Lowell and Le Orra are active members of the United Methodist Church and have been very active in Cub Scouts in the past. Lowell was for a time Scout Master at Raymore and Cub Scout Master at Peculiar.

The Lowell King Family

Mildred Louise married Raymond Harper, from Peculiar, in 1932 and they live on a farm outside of Peculiar. In 1949 the Harpers purchased the Methodist church building at Raymore and used the materials to build a home on the farm. They had two sons, Raymond Wayne, who died of serious burns when the Harper home was destroyed by fire in Peculiar in 1935, and Ronald Dean, who is married and lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Ronald is self-employed in the electronics field. He has two children.

The Harpers also raised a foster daughter, Jenny Nylund, who is a graduate of C.M.S.C. She married Nicholus Ruppert and lives in Hamilton, Ohio.

Florice married Walter Carter, of Kansas City, in 1938 and lived in that city where he was employed by Milgrim Food Stores. They had two children, Kay Marlene, now Mrs. Jim McMillan of Cupertino, Calif. and Roger, of Kansas City, Kansas. Kay has two children, Janet and Jimmie. Walter Carter died May 5, 1971.

JOHN ADAM KINTIGH

John Adam Kintigh was born in 1863. He came to Missouri from West Newton, Pa. when he was nineteen years old. He worked for his brother-in-law, C. M. Funk, on a farm north of Raymore, now the Elmer Koll farm, Mr. Funk having moved from Pennsylvania a short while before.

J. A. Kintigh married Lida Lightcap, who was born in Madison, Pa. She had moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Lightcap, to Missouri in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Kintigh moved to their own farm east of Raymore in 1889. They sold the farm in 1901, entering the drug store business for four years in Raymore, then purchased the Andy Allen Hardware business in 1905, in which he remained until retirement.

The Kintigh family belonged to the United Brethren Church and took active part in church services, he having taught Men's Bible Class fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kintigh had seven children, four of whom are deceased: Stanley, Elva, Roy and Emerson. The remaining children are Wilfred B., of Newark, Delaware; Mary E. Byrne, of Phoenix, Arizona and Verda B. Lawrence, of Raymore, Missouri. The children took advantage of the education afforded by Raymore at that time.

Verda married Fred Lawrence, son of John and Myrtle Lawrence, a farmer of the Raymore community. They reside on a farm near Raymore and later he was a salesman for Nutrena Feed Mills of Kansas City, Mo. for twenty-three years.

Stanley married Winifred Huxtable of Benson, Illinois and both went as missionaries from the United Brethren Church for ten years. When they returned he was a professor at Pembroke Country Day School in Kansas City, Missouri until his retirement.

Elva married Jess R. Miller of the Raymore community and he was both farmer and gas station operator until moving to Plano, Illinois in 1940. While in Illinois he worked for the Federal Huber Factory until his retirement.

Emerson married Ethel Pedicord and they farmed near Raymore for a number of years, later moving to Illinois where he farmed and then to Cambridge, Ohio where he was a salesman for Albers Feed Mill until retirement.

Wilfred graduated from United Brethren College in Kansas City, Kansas. He received his M.A. degree from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. He married Leona Dobson of Peculiar, Missouri and spent thirty years as Principal in Stanley and Olathe Schools in Kansas. He later moved to Newark, Delaware where he taught school until his retirement.

Mary married Cecil Byrne of the Raymore community. They lived in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona where he was in feed business for Purina Feed Mills until purchasing the "Pen Shop" in Phoenix, which they managed until his death in 1970.

JACOB KIRCHER

Jacob Kircher, born in Wurtenburg, Germany May 31, 1837, immigrated to America in 1854 and married in Logan County, Ohio in 1861, Magalin Keller. After six years they moved to Cass County, Missouri, settling on a farm on the west side of Kohler Hill in 1866. The reason they settled here was that there was a spring of water on the south side of the hill and some timber for firewood. The country east was a prairie. There was another house close to where Sycamore Mennonite Church now stands. Also, another about one-half mile east of where East Lynne now stands, one on Cree Farm, which is owned by Mrs. Jack Hinote and a house where Eight Mile now stands. The settlements were where there was a creek and some trees for water and firewood (a necessity). Mr. Kircher took a scythe and wagon and mowed Prairie hay and hauled it to Harrisonville and sold it to the people in Harrisonville, for everyone owned a cow and a horse for food and transportation. Mr. Kircher borrowed $100.00 to get started and gave 15 cents interest. Most everyone had to raise most everything they ate and wore.

Mrs. Kircher was what they called then, a "midwife", as she brought a lot of children into this world. Her services were in demand all over the country. After several years, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad built a railroad from Sedalia (Missouri) to Paola (Kansas) to connect two of their railroad systems from St. Louis and Kansas City, the two largest cities in Missouri at that time.

In the house one-half mile east of where East Lynne now stands, a family lived who milked several cows and churned butter. Men who worked for the contractor who built the railroad bought butter and buttermilk from this family and they named East Lynne: "Buttermilk Station". It went by this name for several years. When a medicine show came to town and put on a play called East Lynne, people liked the play so good they changed the name of the town to East Lynne. A thriving town, East Lynne grew on account of the railroad.

One of the first businesses constructed was a flour mill. Then came a flax seed mill that extracted oil from flax seed and flax cake was ground into meal (a good livestock feed). Jacob hauled milk to the creamery when he as twelve years old and I also hauled milk to this creamery. Also, there were two machinery dealers and two harness shops. My father ran one of these shops, where he cut leather and sewed it together to make a set of harness. He said the best time it took him to make a set of harness was three and one-half days. There was a drug store, three grocery stores, a butcher shop and an ice house (I have helped put ice in the house). There were two banks, two hotels and a lumber yard; one livery stable and drummers and grocery. Dry goods and notion salesmen would arrive on passenger trains and put up at one of the hotels, rent a team and buggy at the livery stable and drive to towns and stores southeast of East Lynne to sell their goods. The goods would be shipped to East Lynne and delivered by different people who ran delivery wagons.

Jacob Kircher had a part in building the community; he hauled rocks and lumber to build the different buildings that made up the community of East Lynne. Camp Branch Creek had a large part in making East Lynne a thriving community.

JACOB FRED KIRCHER

Jacob Fred Kircher, son of Jacob and Magdalene (Keller) Kircher, was born on a farm 3 miles east of Harrisonville, Missouri. He died May 24, 1942, at the age of 70 years, 7 months, 17 days. Magdalene Keller, born in Alsace Lorraine, France — Father, Jacob, was born in Warttenburg, Germany — came to America, settled in Ohio in 1866. They came to Cass County in a covered wagon with 3 children, and settled 3½ miles east of Harrisonville in September, 1866, on a 40 acre homestead farm.

Mr. Kircher married Dollie Henrietta Plank, August 1, 1894, at her home 3 miles south of East Lynne, Missouri. They went to housekeeping on the old George Deckins farm 5½ miles southeast of Harrisonville. Here they resided 39 years, becoming the parents of 12 children, 7 girls and 5 boys. Children were: Zora May, born February 22, 1896; Ray, born October 9, 1897; Leah M., born March 26, 1900; Jacob Fred, II, born May 27, 1902; Henrietta V., born December 15, 1903; Katherine Fern, born September 5, 1905; Mildred P., born January 12, 1907; Charles Leonard, born January 6, 1909; Robert Theodore, born September 18, 1910; Willis Woodrow, born June 21, 1912; Dorothy Gertrude, born April 4, 1914; Cora Pauline, born October 15, 1917.

Judge Jacob F. Kircher was elected Associate Judge of South District of Cass County in November, 1916, took office in 1917. He served two terms. He also served as public administrator from 1925 to 1929.

Jacob Fred Kircher.

JACOB FRED KIRCHER II

Jacob Fred Kircher II, was born May 27, 1902 at the family home southeast of Harrisonville, Missouri. He married Otella Veta Gregg, June 26, 1927 at Harrisonville. They were parents of two sons, Jacob Fred Kircher III, and Russell Gregg Kircher.

Jacob Fred Kircher III was born on March 1, 1934, Rt. 1, Harrisonville. He married Doris Elaine Hobbs (22 June 1932) of Middletown, Missouri, at First Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 4, 1956. They are parents of two children — Melissa Ann, born February 13, 1959 at Columbus, Georgia, and Laura Beth, born June 20, 1963 at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Russell Gregg Kircher was born December 6, 1939, Rt. 1, Harrisonville. He married Joanne Carol McCue (26 February 1941) at the United Methodist Church in Harrisonville on September 25, 1959. They are parents of two children — Gary Brian, born November 26, 1960 at Harrisonville, and Dana Diann, born January 27, 1964 at Harrisonville.

P. D. KIRCHER

P. D. (Dee) Kircher was born July 30, 1938, Harrisonville, Mo. He is the 4th child and 2nd son of Glen Martin and Leta (Henry) Kircher, grandson of Peter David Kircher, and great-grandson of Jacob and Magdeline (Keller) Kircher. He married 1957 Evelyn Pauline Schmidt of Harrisonville.

P. Dee Kircher is a farmer in the East Lynne community, Camp Branch Twp., Cass Co., Mo., and in a partnership farm operation with his father. He has concentrated on modernization and functional development of farming equipment, farming activities, and farm land. He has promoted tractor pulling contests, winning trophies himself and serving to help the East Lynne Chamber of Commerce make money to help build a local recreational park. He was in the Army Reserves over ten years and finished U.S. military service 1967. He and his wife are interested in Unity School of Christianity's affiliation with New Thought Movement and in the Montessori school system. They have had 3 children: Aaron Dee Kircher born Dec. 8, 1967, died of accidental drowning May 30, 1973, Eli D. Kircher, and Ann D. Kircher.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Dee Kircher. and son

WILLIAM H. KIRK

William H. Kirk, born March 1, 1799, was the son of Daniel Kirk, Sr., an early settler of Marion County, Kentucky. William H. married Elizabeth Depew April 20, 1820 in Washington County, Kentucky. They moved to Shelby County, Indiana and were the parents of nine children: Benjamin, Nancy, John, Susan, Travis, Daniel Jr., William, Beverly and Lydia. Elizabeth Depew Kirk died July 4, 1835. Mr. Kirk married Susanna Sloane on February 17, 1836 and in 1838 moved to Morgan County, Indiana. They were the parents of six sons: David, Mason Edward, Van, Harvey and James. William H. died September 21, 1865.

Beverly, born October 31, 1831 in Indiana, married Ann

The Jacob Kircher Family.

Allen in 1854. They were the parents of: James William, John Allen, David, George, Maggie, and Willa E. They later came to the state of Missouri.

James William, born April 3, 1855, married Mary Catherine Kircher September 30, 1880, daughter of Jacob and Mattie Keller Kircher. Their children were: David Ernest, born August 13, 1881, married Mary Hough in 1904. They were the parents of two daughters: Eloise, born September 21, 1908, married Eugene Thompson. Mary Elizabeth, born June 14, 1915, was adopted by Jesse and Ada Kirk after her Mother's death. She married Richard Steele in 1933. Mrs. Mary Hough Kirk died in 1915 and Ernest married Susie Mitchell in 1918.

Jesse Roy, born November 27, 1882, married Ada Campbell in 1901. They were the parents of twin daughters, Florene and Lorene, born August 8, 1905, who tragically died at the age of two.

Edna Pearl, born December 21, 1883, married William Harvey Phillips in 1903. They were the parents of two daughters: Mildred Belle, born December 6, 1912, married William Edgar King. Wilma Pearl, born February 19, 1922, married Arthur Johnson. They were the parents of one son, Robert.

Florence Gertrude, born February 25, 1885, married Lester Orcutt June 6, 1922.

Maggie May, born in 1886, died at the age of four.

Maude Elizabeth, born January 16, 1888, married Vernon C. Ziegler May 24, 1911.

Charles Allen, born June 11, 1890, married Mary Frances Hodges December 24, 1909. They were the parents of five children: Marie, born December 27, 1910, died January 15, 1919. Maurine Elizabeth, born August 3, 1912, died August 17, 1912. Allen Crawford, born July 5, 1913, married Nona Ernestine Phillips August 10, 1940. They were the parents of: Lenona Lee, born January 4, 1943, married Richard Ray Wilson. They are the parents of Kathryn Renee, Kristine Michele and Karen Suzanne. Barbara Lou, born September 22, 1947, married Ernest Lynwood Russell and are the parents of one son, Robert Allen. Marjorie Allene, born July 20, 1920, married Finley McNeill Preston, Sr. June 30, 1949. They are the parents of two sons: Finley McNeill, Jr. (Neill) was born August 3, 1950. Stephen Kirk, born October 23, 1952, married Wendy Kaye Wright August 17, 1975. Glenn Alvin, born September 6, 1921, married Virginia Kirtley Green November 27, 1946. Their children are: Lucy Mae Green, born October 3, 1939, married David Stanton. They are the parents of Cynthia Ann, Terry Allen, Debra and Anthony. Cynthia married Terry Gerrard, Sr. and has one son, Terry, Jr. Patricia Marie, born November 30, 1951, married Richard Tompkins April 21, 1973. Phyllis Louise, born May 25, 1956, married John Carter August 10, 1974. Donna Jean, born December 7, 1957, married Robert Edward Bacon October 17, 1975. Allen and Glenn Kirk are the last of the male descendants of the James William Kirk family.

Eunice, born March 4, 1896, married John Paul Davis July 2, 1919.

BILL H. KIRK

Bill H. Kirk was born on a farm seven miles southeast of Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri, February 10, 1935. His parents were Walter Oliver Kirk and Ethel Pearl Huey Kirk. There are three brothers and one sister: James Richard Kirk, Bob Ray Kirk, Johnie J. Kirk and Viola Ann Kirk Weddington. He grew up in the area and served two years with the U.S. Army in Korea. He was married and later divorced from Gayla Stonestreet. In 1965 Bill H. Kirk and Dixie Lou Atkinson Dean were united in marriage in the Peculiar, Missouri Methodist Church. Dixie Atkinson Dean Kirk was born Dec. 21, 1930 in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the daughter of Charles Sylvester Atkinson and Opal Adalene Wagner Atkinson, whose farm was west of Harrisonville. She attended Bills School, Harrisonville High School and Central Missouri State University. She taught at Wolfe School near Freeman, and married Charles I. Dean. A daughter, Linda Louise Dean, was born in 1949. They built a new home in Peculiar, Mo., and during the years there she helped start the first Well Child Clinic while serving as president of the PTA, started the first kindergarten in 1954, drew a residential map for the Gas Service Co. when gas was first installed in Peculiar, and made the template and helped paint the name on the first water tower. She worked part time for Bethel Thomas, Cass County Surveyor for several years. After the divorce in 1962, she continued to live in the home with her daughter and worked as a secretary in Independence, Mo. See Atkinson and Wagner histories.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirk are the parents of one daughter, Kimberly Ann Kirk, born Dec. 13, 1965. They recently built a new home in Raymore, where they are active in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Raymore Betterment, PTA and Campfire Girls. Bill enjoys refinishing antique furniture and cars. Dixie belongs to the Belton Bells China Painting Club and is Past Matron of Freeman Chapter No. 26 OES. Linda Dean, their daughter, attended Southwest Missouri State College and married Richard Earl Dean, a farmer in Raymore, Missouri, in 1968. They have two sons: Brian Heath Dean and Gregory Aaron Dean.

ROY C. KIRK

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Kirk have been residents of the Cass County area for many years. Roy was born July 19, 1901 on a farm in Camp Branch Twp., Cass County, to William Martin and Anna Lusilla (Mauck) Kirk. The Kirk family came from Illinois and the Mauck family from Indiana to Missouri. Roy, the second of five children, attended Bethel School in rural Cass County until the death of his father in November, 1915

when, as oldest son, he quit school and began farming full time to support the family.

Edith Kirk was born April 30, 1910 in Lowry City, St. Clair County, Missouri, the sixth child of ten born to Marcus Gill and Josephine Elsie (Von Damitz) Hopper. The Hopper family came to Missouri from Kentucky and the Von Damitz family (of German nobility) came from Illinois. Edith and Roy were married in Archie, Missouri on September 15, 1928.

After an illness which prevented Roy from full time farming, they moved to Raymore in November of 1957. Edith began practical nurses training in December, 1961 and graduated from General Hospital School of Practical Nursing in December, 1962. Roy and Edith enjoy gardening and the grandchildren love to go to the "farm" to help Grandpa and Grandma. Edith is an active genealogist, and a member of the Third Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kansas City, Missouri. Roy and Edith have ten children, nine of whom are living, and twenty-two grandchildren. They are: 1. Joanna Irene, married Edward Lukas and they have four children: Glenn, serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Richard Anderson in the South Pacific; Kathryn, presently employed at the Kansas City Life Insurance Company; Gary and Sheila. They reside in Redwood Valley, Ca. where Edward is employed as an electrician with the Ukiah Unified School System. 2. Lorna Corrine, married William Viles and they have four children: Vivian, Valerie, Virginia and William, Jr. They reside in Kansas City, Missouri where Bill is a veteran patrolman for the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department. 3. Gene Conrad, married Rachel Riley, a former Raymore resident and they have five children: Deborah, Douglas, Rebecca, Richard and Cynthia. Gene graduated from Brigham Young University and Western Illinois University with a Master's Degree in English. They now live in Temple View, New Zealand where Gene is teaching at the Church College of New Zealand and working toward his doctorate. 4. Norma Kathleen married Thomas Brown, of Harrisonville, and their family numbers three: Tanis, Dana and Thomas II. The Browns live in Kansas City where Tom is also a patrolman with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Force and Norma is employed at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. 5. Glenn Roy was born August 12, 1937, died August 4, 1945. He is buried in the cemetery at Ukiah, California. 6. Warren Keith married Nancy Lindenman, Jack and Kelly Ann are their children. Warren is a resident of Kansas City and makes the third member of the Kirk family on the Police Force in Kansas City.

The last four children are graduates of the Raymore-Peculiar High School. They are as follows: 7. Imogene Lucile married Earl Vancil and their four children are: Richard, Leslie, Michelle and Melanie. Imogene attended Brigham Young University and is presently employed in the accounting department at General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Earl is a district representative for Firestone Stores and they reside in Grandview, Missouri. 8. Barbara Lynne married Jerry Simpson of Salt Lake City, Utah. They attend the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Barbara is a registered x-ray technician, having graduated from the Latter Day Saints Hospital Technology School in Salt Lake City. 9. Edith Elaine married Edmond Capenter of Lansing, Michigan where they reside and Edmond is beginning a career in banking. 10. Kevin James Connor, the tenth child of Roy and Edith, is unmarried and currently employed at Bendix Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. He is at home in Raymore.

All the children are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and attend the ward in their respective cities.

MARTIN KNIGHT

James Martin Knight was born January 25, 1858, on a farm north of Harrisonville, Missouri. His parents were James and Mary Knight, pioneer settlers of Cass County. Martin was orphaned early in life.

Martin Knight and Susie Sabens, born February 22, 1856, were married February 21, 1882 and lived on a farm near Harrisonville, Missouri. Martin bought a farm and eventually owned 240 acres of farm land.

He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Cass County Bank. He was the first president of the bank and served until his death October 22, 1934.

Martin and Susie Knight were parents of two sons, John and Frank, and one daughter, Mary. When the children were small their mother died. Sallie Sabens, a sister of Susie, moved into the home to care for the family. Later, Martin and Sallie were married. "Aunt Sallie," as she was called, was mother to the children and made a home for the whole family. She passed away in Belton at the home of Mary Jones, several years after the death of her husband.

John Knight, oldest child of Martin and Susie Knight, was born December 15, 1882, on a farm south of Harrisonville, Missouri. When he was a small child he moved with his parents to farm south of Peculiar, where the parents managed the County Farm. During these years he gained a sister, Mary, and a brother, Frank.

John grew to manhood on a farm and contributed much to the farming operation.

May 11, 1910, John Knight and Patience Everston were married in her home at Mayview, Missouri. They lived on a farm south of Peculiar. They were the parents of one son, Joel, and two daughters, Vivian Lucille and Evelyn Louise.

John Knight was a member of the Peculiar Chapter of the Modern Woodmen of America. The family attended the Methodist Church in Peculiar, where they were members. He was a Director of the Cass County Bank until he was forced to retire because of ill health. In September, 1957, they moved from the farm where they had lived for 47 years, to a home in Harrisonville, Missouri. He passed away December 14, 1960.

Patience (Everston) Knight was a member of the first graduating class from the Peculiar High School, March 29, 1907. She is living in the home in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Joel Martin Knight and Naomi McAninch were married October 30, 1932. They live in Harrisonville where until recently they owned and operated The Knight Motor and Implement Company. They have one daughter, Frieda May (Knight) Kircher. She is the wife of Jim Kircher and lives on a farm east of Harrisonville. They have two daughters, Sherry Lynn and Jamie Lou.

Vivian Knight and Earl W. Yoder were married May 23, 1942. They live east of Garden City, Missouri. They have two daughters, Barbara Jean and Deborah Kay.

Evelyn Knight and J. D. Harris were married September 5, 1934. They live in Kansas City, Missouri, and have business

interests there and in Clinton, Missouri. They have two sons. Gary Ronald Harris, who married Kay Doty and they are parents of Terrance Lee. The other son, Gerald Alan Harris, is married to Sue Davidson and they live in Marion, Kansas. They have three daughters, Cynthia Diane, Lori Leigh and Tammy Lynn, and one son, Jeffery Alan.

Frank Knight and Hattie Theden were married in 1916. They made their home on a farm south of Peculiar. They lived there until Frank passed away in January, 1935. Mrs. Knight passed away about two years ago in Colorado. One son, Harold Franklin, lives with his family at Lamar, Colorado.

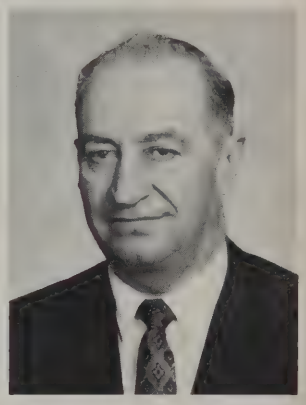
JAMES CHESTER KNORPP

James Chester Knorpp, born March 2, 1910, the son of Bertha Johnson and Walter Clark Knorpp, born May 30, 1882, died June 20, 1970 and buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery; son of Laura Alice Thalman and James Conrad Knorpp, born July 21, 1844, died in September of 1923 and buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, who was the son of Mary Teresa Norwine and Christian Gottlieb Knorpp, of Germany, born February 2, 1816, came to America in the 1830s and di d July 21, 1844.

Christian Gottlieb Knorpp was the son of Christina Schmid and John Christian Knorpp, born December 13, 1787, the son of Barbara Kaiser and Jacob Henrich Knorpp, born January 26, 1752, who was the son of Maria Margaretha Weingartner and Johann Jacob Knorpp, born February 11, 1725, the son of Johann Michael Knorpp.

James Chester Knorpp was educated in the Pleasant Hill school system and upon graduation he entered into agriculture. He married Roberta Estelle Hunt (see Robert Troy Hunt sketch) on October 25, 1931. J. Chester has pursued a very active and rewarding life. He has been a successful farmer, top Missouri athletic official, insurance and real estate businessman, and in 1960 became Vice-President and Farm Representative of the Pleasant Hill Bank. 1965 brought him the Presidency of the bank and at the writing of this 1976 sketch, "Chet" is remaining in that capacity along with being President of Casco, Inc., owner of the Southland Shopping Center located in Harrisonville, across Highway #7 from the Cass County Memorial Hospital, of which he is a board member. "Chet" has also served as President of the Cass County Bankers' Association, been a Deacon, and is currently an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill where he is a member. He is now serving his community as City Treasurer.

To the marriage of Chester Knorpp and Roberta Hunt were born two children; Helen Jo, December 21, 1932, living along with her husband, Joe H. McClintock (see Joe A. McClintock sketch) and son, Joseph Chester, born December 4, 1957, on the original land purchased in 1869 by her great-grandfather, James Conrad Knorpp (see sketch in Cass County History by Allen Glen, May 1, 1917) and located on the Cass-Jackson County line road, East of Highway #7. Their oldest son, Tim Knorpp McClintock, born February 4, 1955, died May 2, 1974 and is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The second child born to Chester and Roberta was James Chester Knorpp II. "Jim", upon completing schooling in the Pleasant Hill system, attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. He married Sandra Kay Angle, of Butler, Missouri on June 24, 1966 and moved to his parents' original farm, purchased in 1932, on the Cass-Jackson county line road, west of Highway #7. To this union was born a daughter, Rhonda Kay Knorpp, on October 6, 1971. "Jim" continues to farm in the long-line Knorpp family tradition. His love of animal husbandry goes back beyond birth to his father's foundation herd of Herford cattle, which was purchased from the Gudgel-Simpson famous Anxiety 4th breeding line, in 1926.



J. Chester Knorpp.

WALTER CLARK KNORPP

Walter Clark Knorpp, son of James Conrad (Coonrod) and Laura (Thalman) Knorpp, was born May 30, 1882 on the family farm at the Cass-Jackson County line north of Pleasant Hill. The Coonrod Knorpp farm has been in the Knorpp family continuously since 1869. He lived all his adult life one half mile south in Cass County in the home he built after his marriage in Pleasant Hill on June 21, 1905 to Bertha Johnson, born Nov. 4, 1885, daughter of Richard Mason and Alice Eunice (Cabness) Johnson. Six children were born to this union:

Bertha Alice Knorpp, born May 14, 1906, died June 23, 1943. Married Aug. 15, 1925, Lynn C. Bailey, born Oct. 23, 1901, of Canton, Missouri.

Bessie Marie Knorpp, born Nov. 20, 1907, died May 20, 1957. Married on Mar. 8, 1931, George S. Smith, born Dec. 7, 1907, of Pleasant Hill. Bessie was killed in the Ruskin Heights tornado.

James Chester Knorpp, born Mar. 2, 1910. Married on Oct. 25, 1931, Roberta Estelle Hunt, born June 18, 1911.

Jennie Ozelle Knorpp, born Nov. 20, 1911. Married Robert Lee Smith, born May 29, 1910, died Nov. 27, 1970, of Pleasant Hill. Married 2nd, on Nov. 26, 1972, Earl V. Harmes, of Milwaukee, Wisc., born Feb. 12, 1904.

Helen Lois Knorpp, born Mar. 22, 1916. Married July 19, 1936, Claud Glenn Grantham, of Pleasant Hill, born Sept. 5, 1914.

Harriette Jane Knorpp, born Oct. 3, 1918. Married July 9, 1939, Robert Leigh Shortridge, of Pleasant Hill, born Feb. 26, 1918.

Children of Alice and Lynn C. Bailey are: Alice Jeanne, born July 26, 1928, married 1953, John Halberstadt, of Iowa,

who had one child, Barton Halberstadt, born July 18, 1955. Lynda K., born Oct. 9, 1940, married 1965 Dan Summers and had two children, Susan Elaine Summers, born Aug. 18, 1966 and Kenneth Daniel Summers, born Feb. 2, 1968.

Children of Bessie and George Smith are: Neil Knorpp Smith, born Dec. 17, 1932, married in July, 1966, Camellia Paaumatarii, of Tahiti and had a daughter, Vaea Yvette, born Mar. 25, 1970.

Children of Chester and Roberta Knorpp are: Helen Jo, born Dec. 21, 1932, married Aug. 5, 1951, Joe Henry McClintock, of Pleasant Hill and had two sons, Tim Knorpp McClintock, born Feb. 6, 1955, died May 2, 1974 in an auto accident and Joseph Chester McClintock, born Dec. 4, 1957. James Chester II, born Dec. 1, 1943, married June 28, 1966, Sandra Angle, of Butler, Missouri and had a daughter, Rhonda Kay Knorpp, born Oct. 6, 1971.

Children of Ozelle and Robert Lee Smith are: Ethel Elinor, born Sept. 25, 1936, married Gerald Fitzgerald, of Louisville, Kentucky and had Gregory Thomas Fitzgerald, born Jan. 2, 1958; Tamra Fitzgerald, born May 7, 1961 and Kelly Fitzgerald, born Oct. 2, 1966. Gerald Jackson Smith, adopted son, born Oct. 15, 1950, married Chris Christensen, of Milwaukee, Wisc., May 24, 1975.

Children of Lois and Glenn Grantham: William Patrick Grantham, adopted son, born July 25, 1954.

Children of Harriette and Bob Shortridge are: James Robert, born May 14, 1944, married Barbara Gimble, of Janesville, Wisc. on Aug. 12, 1967 and had Amy Margaret Shortridge, born Apr. 21, 1971 and Katherine Ellen Shortridge, born Dec. 20, 1973. Michael Leigh, born Aug. 17, 1947, married Linda Thompson, of Pleasant Hill, on June 28, 1969 and had two children; Michelle Jon Shortridge, born June 28, 1973 and Adrienne Leanne Shortridge, born May 29, 1974.

Farming was not only Clark Knorpp's occupation, but his love, as well.

He served on the school board for many years. He passed away June 20, 1970, the day preceding his sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Knorpp's life was devoted to her husband and family; a woman of great understanding and compassion. She continues to reside at her country home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Knorpp.

JOHN C. KNORPP

In 1858 there were rumors of gold in Colorado. A movement to the West began that was known as the "Pike's Peak Gold Rush."

In St. Louis a seventeen year old boy named John Christian Knorpp convinced his mother to outfit him to join a wagon train to go look for gold. On the way they passed through Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and continued to Colorado. Disappointed in what he found, young John sold his outfit, bought a buckskin pony, and started back home to St. Louis, again passing through Pleasant Hill.

The railroad was building at that time, but the town was north of the tracks. Realizing that, to exist, the town had to move to the railroad, John bought two lots near it, then continued to St. Louis.

Back home, he married Anna Pepper, who had come to the United States from England with her widowed mother and five brothers and sisters. In October, 1864, they established their home in Pleasant Hill, bringing their first child, Lawrence, who had been born in 1861.

They later had four more sons — Walter (1867), William (1869), Morris (1871) and Wesley (1877) — and a daughter, Mary Anna, who lived only five days.

In March of the following year, John sent for his brother, James Conrad Knorpp, who also moved to Pleasant Hill.

John C. Knorpp was active in a number of enterprises in his lifetime. He had a trading company in Pleasant Hill in the late 1860's which supplied wagon trains on their way westward; established banks — one in Pleasant Hill, which was operated by his son Morris with William as stockholder, one in Clarendon, Texas, where Wesley was president, and one in Groom, Texas, run by Walter. He sent his oldest son, Lawrence, to manage his ranching and farming interests in Texas. Mr. Knorpp and partners had founded the Cass Land and Cattle Company, which had operations in New Mexico and Texas, but was named for Cass County, Missouri. He was also active in Kansas City banking until his death in April, 1925.

Lawrence married Ida Sebree in Pleasant Hill in 1884. They had ten children, of whom nine lived to maturity. When their youngest child was two years old, they moved to Texas. Lawrence lived until 1949.

Walter married Edie Young. They had a baby boy who died and a son, Wesley, who was a TV, radio and newspaper executive until his death in 1975. Walter died in 1952.

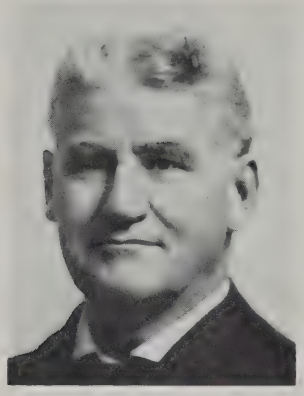
William married Ida Ison in 1891 and died in 1954. They had no children.

Morris Milton married Mary (Mayme) Henderson in 1892. They had one daughter, Anna (Mrs. James) Rowe, who has lived in Pleasant Hill all her life, and has been active in charitable work. Morris died in 1927.

Wesley married Bliss Bugbee in Texas in 1902. They had three sons who are currently engaged in ranching and banking in Clarendon, Texas. Wesley died in 1953.

John C. Knorpp had over one hundred direct descendants, among whom are medical workers, merchants, attorneys, ranchers, bankers, and community-spirited people in almost every field of endeavor. There were Knorpps on the Board of the Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill for 96 years.

Only five of his descendants now live in Cass County — all in Pleasant Hill. Anna Knorpp Rowe is a granddaughter of John C. and daughter of Morris M. Laurel Knorpp Chucovich (Mrs. Cyril J.) came to Pleasant Hill in 1968. She is a granddaughter of Lawrence and daughter of his eighth child, Morris. She is married to an advertising executive and has three children, John Steven Morris (1956), an architecture student at the University of Kansas, Richard Knorpp (1958), graduating in the Class of 1976 from Pleasant Hill High School, and Stana Lee Elizabeth (1962).



John Christian Knorpp.

DAVID MONROE KNOX

David Monroe Knox, son of William and Mary W. Butler Knox was born September 24th, 1901 in Benton County, Arkansas. His parents moved to Harrisonville, Missouri in 1923.

On September 24, 1927 "Dave", as he is known, married Rosa Mae Malicott and they had ten children. The children are, Maurice, Ralph, Margie (Kisner), Harvey, Joyce (Stevens), Phyllis (Hughes), William, Mary (Miller) and Larry W. Knox. They have twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The "Dave" Knoxes have lived in the Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville community until Mr. Knox's retirement in 1966.

On March 20th, 1969, they lost a son (the youngest), Larry W. Knox, in the Vietnam war. He was serving with the U.S. Marines.

In November, 1972, they purchased a 20 acre farm south of Adrian, Missouri where they now reside.

ALFRED WILLIAM KOHLER

Alfred William Kohler was the son of Margaret Mary (Watkins) and John Kohler, born April 4, 1874 at Harrisonville, Missouri. He was a farmer and cattleman. He married, November 3, 1897 at Pleasant Hill, Missouri, Myrtle Lenora Karg. She was born January 12, 1879 in Ohio, daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Heater) Karg. She died September 2, 1965 at Ottawa, Kansas. Their five children were born in Harrisonville. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1947 and their 60th anniversary in 1957 at their daughter Bernita's home.

Children: 1. Bernita Beth, married George Eavey, of Harrisonville, Missouri, on February 22, 1918. Their children are: 1. Georgia Mae, married Merrill and had Cynitha Ann; 2. Margaret Ann, married Billy Wayne Moore, Harrisonville, Missouri and had Georgiann, who married Thomas Phillip Manz, Harrisonville; and Billy Wayne Moore, age 14. 2. Alfred Earl, married Arlene Patton, Ottawa, Kansas. Their children are 1. Nayrea, who married Howard Fowler, Ottawa, Kansas and had Diana Lyne, Myra Jean, Robert Lee and Michelle Renee; 2. William Carl, married Lynda Hensley and had Deborah Lynne and Timothy Kevin; and 3. Robert. 3. Henrietta Mae, married George Likens. Their son, George Likens, Jr. married Peggy _____ and had Sucan, Chris, Peter and Larry. 4. Marie Leota, who has no children. 5. Okema Bertnice, married Wayne O'Conner and had Mona Lee.

DONALD CURTIS KOHLER

Donald Curtis Kohler was born October 23, 1929, at the farm home 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, son of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler.

He was married on July 23, 1950, at Bentonville, Arkansas, to Joan Virginia Nelson, born August 8, 1931, at Gashland, Missouri, the daughter of Stephen S. Nelson and Lura Ann Foley Nelson.

Donald and Joan were the parents of three children: Deborah Kay Kohler, born August 31, 1951; Deadra Sue Kohler, born February 7, 1954, and Donald Douglas Kohler, born September 28, 1955, all born in Harrisonville.

Donald attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1947. He attended two years at the University of Missouri — Columbia studying agriculture. He is a member of the Harrisonville Optimist Club and past president; and a member of Cass Lodge No. 147, A.F. & A.M. He and Joan are both members of Bayard Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star and are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron this year; and are both members of the First Baptist Church of Harrisonville. They presently live on Christmas Tree Lane northeast of Harrisonville where they are engaged in the finishing pig business.

Joan graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1949 and attended St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City in 1949 and 1950. She was employed 10 years at Harrisonville Memorial Hospital and 13 years at McDowell (now General) Tire Co. in Kansas City.

Deborah Kay graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1969, attended two years at University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, and received her B.S. degree in Music in 1974 from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg. She is presently teaching music in the Garden City School District. On February 9, 1974, she was married at the First Baptist Church in Harrisonville to David Lester Mills, born August 23, 1948, at Butler, Missouri, the son of John Riley Mills and Mary Isabelle Lester Mills. Deborah Kay and

David have one son, Curtis Riley Mills, born July 17, 1975, at Harrisonville. David also has a daughter, Mary Margaret Mills, by a previous marriage. David Lester graduated from Butler High School in 1966, attended two years at University of Missouri-Kansas City, and graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science at Dallas, Texas in 1969. He is employed by Atkinson-Dickey Funeral Homes in Harrisonville, and the family lives in Harrisonville.

Deadra Sue graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1972. She was married to Michael Kevin Oesch and to this union was born one daughter, Kimberly Jo Oesch, born January 8, 1972, at Harrisonville. She was later married on July 6, 1974, to Larry Allen Benson and to this union was born one daughter, Kelly Dawn Benson, born June 14, 1975, at Harrisonville. Deadra Sue is employed by Jackson County Welfare in Kansas City and lives in Independence.

Donald Douglas graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1973 and is a senior this fall at Central Missouri State University majoring in law enforcement. He has applied for employment with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kohler.

GUY FRANKLIN KOHLER

Guy Franklin Kohler was born July 19, 1922, at the farm house 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, son of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler. On January 15, 1944, he was married to Laura Emily Rosanbalm, born September 17, 1924, in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, but reared in Sequim, Washington, daughter of Jasper Rosanbalm and Orpha Alzada Collensworth Rosanbalm.

Guy and Laura were the parents of four children: Laura Suzanne, born May 5, 1945, at Bremerton, Washington; Guy Franklin, Jr., born February 25, 1947, at Port Angeles, Washington; Marilyn Diane, born August 12, 1948, at Harrisonville; and Gary Wayne, born August 2, 1949, at Harrisonville.

Guy Franklin attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1941. He entered the U.S. Army during World War II on June 13, 1944, and was discharged on April 14, 1946. He served in the Philippine Islands and Japan with Company K, 21st Infantry Regiment. He assigned and coordinated the work of a 12-man rifle squad, and was an assistant squad leader. He attained the rank of sergeant and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon,

The Donald Kohler Family.

Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was President of the Harrisonville Quarterback Club; President of the Harrisonville Optimist Club and a Distinguished President of the Missouri District of Optimist International. He is an elder of the First Christian Church of Harrisonville where he and Laura were members of the Evangelistic Committee. He is a member of Cass Lodge No. 147, A.F. & A.M.; Bayard Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star; and V.F.W. He is presently employed at the Vendo Company in Kansas City, Missouri.

Laura is a member of the Bayard Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star; member of the Board of Directors for the WECOMO Club where whe is employed at Western Electric in Lee's Summit, Missouri; and the Pitt's Chapel Ladies Aid.

Laura Suzanne attended Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg and Longview Community College in Lee's Summit, where she studied Electronics Engineering Technology. She was married to Alex Travelo Crawford on January 5, 1964. She was married on April 2, 1969, to John Herman Pusch, born August 11, 1936, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of T. C. and Hilda Pusch, and to this union was born one son, Michael John Pusch, born June 17, 1970, at Kansas City, Missouri. She is a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Grandview and the LWML and now resides in Kansas City.

Guy Franklin, Jr. attended Central Missouri State University where he studied Industrial Technology. He joined the Naval Air Force Reserves in 1967 and was discharged in 1971. He was married to Karla Kay James, born February 16, 1958, the daughter of Harry James and Jo Ann James, and to this union was born one son, Guy Franklin Kohler III, born May 16, 1973, at Harrisonville. Guy Franklin, Jr. is a member of the First Christian Church in Harrisonville, is employed by Hallmark Card Company in Kansas City and resides in Pleasant Hill.

Marilyn Diane attended University of Missouri-Columbia and was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She was married to Leonard Earl Woolery, born March 21, 1946, the son of E. Ray Woolery and Edith Woolery, and to this union was born one son, Drew Eugene Woolery, born December 18, 1967, in Kansas City. She is a member of the First Christian Church of Harrisonville, a den mother, works for the Hertz Corporation in Kansas City and lives in North Kansas City.

Gary Wayne attended United Electronics Institute in Des Moines, Iowa. He joined the U.S. Army in 1968 where he

attained the rank of Spec. 6 and was discharged in 1974. He works as a laboratory technician for the Hallmark Card Company in Kansas City, is a member of the First Christian Church in Harrisonville and lives in Harrisonville.

ISAAC MORGON KOHLER

Isaac (Ike) Morgon Kohler was the seventh child of John and Margaret Kohler and was born on a farm 3½ miles east of Harrisonville, August 23, 1876. He attended the Mt. Zion rural school and the Harrisonville high school. He, with his brothers, spent his early years working with their father on the family farm.

Hiram Graham was born August 23, 1841 at Van Buren, Arkansas. The family remained in Arkansas only a short time and while Hiram was a small child they moved to Cass County and entered a tract of land a few miles south of Pleasant Hill. Hiram grew to manhood on this farm. However, during the Civil War, while "Order No. 11" was in effect, the widowed mother took her family to Howard County, returning to the home in Cass County after all danger had passed.

Mary Margaret Bouse was born December 7, 1850 on a farm in the Daughtry community, the daughter of Jacob and Susan (Adams) Bouse. Her father died when she was nine years old. A short time later "Order No. 11" forced the family to leave their home and take refuge in Johnson County. They returned to their farm in Cass County at the close of the conflict. During the period they were in Johnson County, Mary was stricken with paralysis, which left her a cripple the rest of her life.

On June 16, 1874, Mary Margaret Bouse and Hiram Graham were married in the home of the bride's mother and they made their home with her during her lifetime. To this union five children were born, Walter, Samantha, Maude (Kohler), Susan (Craig) and Hazel (White).

In 1893 the family moved from Eight Mile to Harrisonville. A year later they purchased a farm 2½ miles southeast of the county seat where they lived until Hiram's death on April 2, 1931. Mary made her home with her children until she passed away November 15, 1940.

On February 17, 1901, Ike Kohler and Maude Graham were married in Harrisonville. They established their home on a farm four miles east of Harrisonville. They were the parents of three children, a daughter, who died in infancy; a son, Walter, who died in childhood and a daughter, Velma. Maude was stricken with typhoid fever and after a short illness, passed away on May 2, 1915. Ike and Velma remained on the farm. She attended the Lone Elm school.

Ike married, secondly, Margaret Hathway Ritchie in May of 1916. They, with her son, Clark, and his daughter, Velma, made their home on the farm east of Harrisonville. In 1917 they bought a farm south of Harrisonville, in the Lone Tree community. They lived there until 1922, when they moved to 702 East Mechanic in Harrisonville. Ike continued his interest in farming and commuted almost daily, as long as his health permitted, to another of his farms west of Harrisonville.

Clark and Velma attended the Harrisonville high school. The family were all active members of the Harrisonville Christian Church. Ike was for many years a deacon and trustee and Margaret was active in the woman's work, Sunday School and the choir.

They lived at the Harrisonville address for forty-two years. In 1963 Margaret fell and broke her hip and, though never able to walk again, she remained interested in her church, family and friends. During this time, Ike became ill and suffered a long illness. He passed away January 2, 1964. Margaret continued living in the family home until her death March 24, 1966.

On August 19, 1925, Velma Kohler and Phil Kelley, son of Timothy and Hannah (Norton) Kelley, were married. They established their home on the Kohler farm south of Harrisonville. They farmed there thirteen years, during which time their twin children, Phillip Kohler and Margaret Cecelia, were born on September 14, 1931.

On February 14, 1938, they moved to their farm 3½ miles east of Harrisonville, which joined the original Kohler land where Velma's father was born. They have continued their farming operation there ever since and still maintain their home on the farm. Their children attended the Lone Elm and Mt. Zion rural schools and the Harrisonville high school.

Margaret Cecelia Kelley and Dennis Fox were married on September 7, 1952. They have one son, Timothy, who was born in Harrisonville September 17, 1954. They moved away from Cass County in 1957.

Phillip Kohler Kelley and Velda Lee Kircher were married on March 28, 1954. They established their home on the Kelley farm south of Harrisonville, where they lived until 1968. Phillip still operates the farm which has been in the Kelley family for 91 years, however, they make their home in Archie.

JOHN KOHLER JR.

John Kohler, Jr. was born January 23, 1840 in Wurttemberg, Germany. He was the eldest son of nine children born to Mary Barbara von Maroff and John Kohler, Sr. Required military conscription of all young men between the ages of 16 and 24 initially prompted the senior Kohlers to emigrate. They left behind John Kohler, Sr.'s parents, Andrew and Dorothea Michael Kohler. Arriving in the United States in 1854, the family settled in Logan County, Ohio and later moved to Shelby County, Ohio.

At the outbreak of the Civil War the younger John enlisted in the Eighty-Seventh Ohio Infantry. His regiment surrendered to Stonewall Jackson at Harper's Ferry in October, 1862. He was exchanged and when his term of enlistment expired he re-enlisted with the 128th Ohio Infantry and served until the close of the war.

On a clear, crisp day in October, 1866, John Kohler brought his new bride to the foot of a hill in Cass County, Missouri.

Margaret Mary Watkins was born January 24, 1839 near Maplewood, Shelby County, Ohio. She was the second youngest of nine children born to Sarah David and Joseph Watkins. Her great-great-grandfather, Owen David, had come from Wales prior to 1708 and settled near Dover, Delaware. His 500 acre farm was known as The Fox Hall Farm, as it is known today. Owen David's son, the Reverend Enoch David of Philadelphia was a patriot in the Revolution. Another son, Owen David, the younger, was the father of Sarah and grand-

father of Margaret Mary Watkins Kohler.

Margaret and John were married in Sydney, Shelby County, Ohio, August 23, 1866.

The trip was made with another couple, Jacob and Mattie Kircher, and their three children, Catherine, Rosie and Charles. The men had purchased the farm together; the women now chose their family's portion. Margaret Kohler chose the east side of the hill as the site for a house where she could look toward the rising sun and the old Ohio home. Mrs. Kircher chose the west slope so she could sit on her doorstep and watch the setting sun. Over the years the two families were a great help to each other and by the fourth generation Phillip Kohler Kelly married Velda Lee Kircher.

Seven children were born to Margaret and John in the first ten years of their marriage. The first child, Sarah, died of diphtheria at the age of three. John Luther, September 10, 1868; David Henry, December 28, 1869; Margaret Jane, April 20, 1871; Edmond Dieppe, August 6, 1872; Alfred William, April 4, 1874; Isaac Morgan, August 23, 1876. All attended old Mt. Zion school and the high school in Harrisonville. Each became actively engaged in farming and stock-raising, as did their father, with the exception of David Henry, who operated the O.K. Transfer Line from Coffeyville, Kansas, and Margaret Jane, who married Jedd C. Twitchell, owner of the Archie Newspaper and after his death, William F. Wolfe, a prominent Cass County attorney.

In a few years the cabin of '66 was replaced by a larger house. The carpenter was a Mr. Runnenberger. He left his home and walked to the Kohler place in time for a 5:30 breakfast each morning. After working from dawn until dusk he trudged home every night. This was the father of Turner and Frank Runnenberger, long-time undertakers and furniture merchants in Harrisonville.

Margaret and John prospered during their thirty years on the farm. In 1903 John Kohler won the silver medal at the World's Fair in the world-wide flax competition. Mr. John Patrick built them a lovely home in town. Here they spent their last twenty-five years. More farm land was acquired and John Kohler was a familiar sight in his "cart" drawn by a fine old mare named "Fanny" as he visited a farm every good day and purchased stock from the farmers. The stock was shipped to the yards in Kansas City and he usually accompanied the shipment. Margaret would arise and prepare breakfast very early as the old "Gulf" railroad left at 4:00 a.m. She then busied herself with household tasks baking bread, frying doughnuts, making custard pie, and waiting for "Pap" to return late at night.

On May 4, 1923, John Kohler died at his home at 706 Main in Harrisonville. Death was probably hastened for John and others in Harrisonville because of the Burney bank scandal. To see so much of the fruits of a lifetime of toil lost was devastating. The great rule of his life was "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." Margaret Mary survived him three years, dying December 15, 1926.

The values and family unity to which John and Margaret Kohler pledged their lives are celebrated by their many descendants in the annual Kohler Family reunion. In 1972 the Kohler family held its 38th meeting, attended by over sixty descendants, representing six generations from John and. Margaret Kohler.

The John Kohler Family.

JOHN HAROLD KOHLER

John Harold Kohler, born February 20, 1899, at the farm home place 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway at the foot of Kohler Hill on the southwest corner of the intersection on the old Nunn farm and catty corner across the road from where he and his wife lived and where all of his children were born. He was the son of John Luther Kohler and Mary Lucinda (Benight) Kohler. John Harold was always a farmer and dairyman and now lives and farms near Louisburg, Missouri. He attended Bethel School northeast of Harrisonville in the Pitts Chapel neighborhood where the family later moved in 1901.

He was married on February 20, 1919, to Dora Isabelle Beckerdite at her parents' home northeast of Harrisonville. After they were married they lived one year with his parents and sister. Then they moved to his father's farm at the foot of Kohler Hill east of Harrisonville on the northeast corner of the intersection. This is the farm where all their children were born and where Neil Gordon Kohler presently lives.

Dora graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1918, all six of her children graduated from there and nine of her grandchildren. She has lived in Cass County about 60 years, is a member of the United Methodist Church of Harrisonville and lives in Harrisonville.

The John Harold Kohler Family.

John Harold and Dora were the parents of seven children: Curtis Eugene, who died in infancy; John Harold, Jr., born January 16, 1921; Guy Franklin, born July 19, 1922; Hazel Gnell, born March 13, 1924; Neil Gordon born February 4, 1926; Dorothy Lou, born March 7, 1928 and Donald Curtis, born October 23, 1929.

JOHN HAROLD KOHLER, JR.

John Harold Kohler, Jr. was born January 16, 1921, at the farm home 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, son of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler.

He was married on June 22, 1947, at the Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, to Kathryn Louise Ritthaler, born February 17, 1924, in Newton, Kansas, the daughter of Phillip Ritthaler and Rose Kathryn Morlock Ritthaler.

John Harold, Jr. and Kathryn Louise had four children: John Phillip Kohler, born November 2, 1948; Daryl Duane Kohler, born June 26, 1952; Lynn Louise Kohler, born February 3, 1957; and Kevin James Kohler, born July 3, 1961, all born in Harrisonville.

John Harold, Jr. attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1939. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in September, 1942. After being stationed at Marana, Arizona, for approximately two years he then served with the Air Transport Service in the China-Burma-India Theater until his discharge in March, 1945.

Kathryn Louise graduated from Moundridge High School in 1942 and is employed in the office of the Pleasant Hill High School.

John Harold Jr. and Kathryn Louise established their first home on the D. M. Skinner farm in the Raymore Community until March, 1956. The next three years they lived on a farm near Lee's Summit. On February 22, 1959, they moved to what was known as the Jerry Bricker farm in the Ore Community north of Harrisonville, after purchasing it from W. D. Thurman. This is where they presently live and operate a large dairy farm. They also own the home place of John Harold, Jr.'s grandfather, John Luther Kohler, northeast of Harrisonville.

John Harold, Jr. is a past President of Cass County Farm Bureau and is active in 4-H and Cass County Balanced Farming. He and all of his family are members of the United Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill, where he was chairman of the building committee in 1968 and co-chairman when they built their new sanctuary in 1975. He is a past president of the Harrisonville Optimist Club and Lt. Governor of the Missouri District of Optimist International; a member of Cass Lodge No. 147 A.F. & A.M., the Cass County Shrine Club and Ararat Temple of Kansas City; and has been secretary of Public Water Supply District No. 9 of Cass County, Missouri, since its organization in December, 1971.

John Phillip was married on June 22, 1969, at the United Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill to Nikki Elaine Ralston, born June 16, 1951, in Kansas City, the daughter of Jack D. Ralston and Billie Joe Brown Ralston of Pleasant Hill. To this union were born two sons, John Clayton, born January 28, 1973, and Jack Clifton, born March 22, 1975, both born in Kansas City, Missouri. John Phillip is now engaged in a dairy operation near Belton, Missouri.

Daryl Duane Kohler was married at the United Methodist Church in Pleasant Hill to Paula Kay Benson, born April 26, 1951, at Salina, Kansas, the daughter of Wallace W. Benson and Roseann Gustafson Benson of Duluth, Minnesota. To this union were born two sons, Bryan Duane, born June 5, 1973, and Spencer James, born February 19, 1976, both born at Harrisonville. Daryl Duane lives near his father's home and assists him in the farming operation of some 580 acres.

Lynn Louise is presently a freshman at Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg.

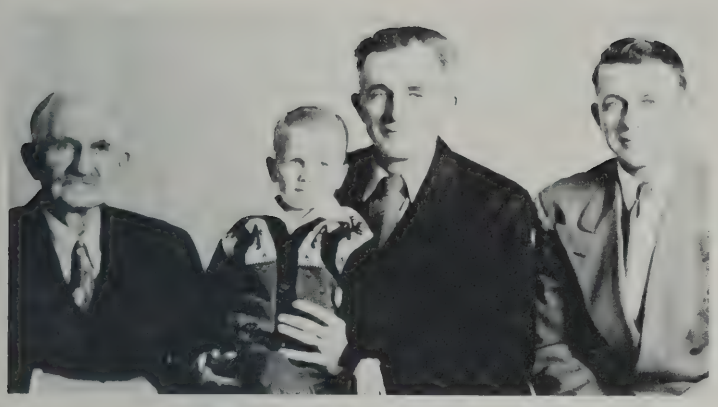
The John Harold Kohler, Jr. Family.

JOHN LUTHER KOHLER

John Luther Kohler, born Sept. 10, 1868, on Kohler Hill 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, died Dec. 3, 1959, at Harrisonville. He was the son of John Kohler and Margaret M. Watkins Kohler, who came to Cass County from Ohio in 1866 in lumber wagons, with Jacob and Mattie Kircher and three children, and settled on Kohler Hill where they bought 120 acres of land. John and Margaret made their home there until 1902 when they moved to Harrisonville. They also went to the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri, that year. John was always a farmer.

John Luther was married on Jan. 6, 1892, to Mary Lucinda Benight (born July 24, 1868, Harrisonville — died Oct. 16, 1943, Harrisonville). Mary Lucinda was the daughter of Samual D. Benight and Dorothy (Payton) Benight. They had two children: Catherine Margaret (born Oct. 23, 1893, Harrisonville — died April 17, 1956, Harrisonville); and John Harold (born Feb. 20, 1899, Harrisonville), who married Dora Isabelle Beckerdite on February 20, 1919, and they had seven children, one dying in infancy.

John Luther and Mary Lucinda made their first home at the foot of Kohler Hill on the southwest corner of the intersection. They lived six years on Ward Hill 2½ miles east of Harrisonville on the Cemetery road. They then moved to the old Nunn place. In 1901 or 1903 they moved to the Pitts Chapel neighborhood six miles northeast of Harrisonville and built a new home. Later John purchased the farm at the foot of Kohler Hill on the northeast corner of the intersection.



Four Generations of John Kohler Family.

NEIL GORDON KOHLER

Neil Gordon Kohler was born February 4, 1926, at the farm home 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, son of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle (Beckerdite) Kohler.

He was married on July 30, 1950, at the First Baptist Church in Harrisonville to Evelyn Lucille Leimkuhler, born December 17, 1931, daughter of Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler and Alice Belle (Peterson) Leimkuhler. To this union were born four children: Michael Neil Kohler, December 27, 1951; Elaine Evelyn Kohler, August 21, 1953; Angela Dee Kohler, October 16, 1965; and Janeen Lori Kohler, October 12, 1968, all born in Harrisonville.

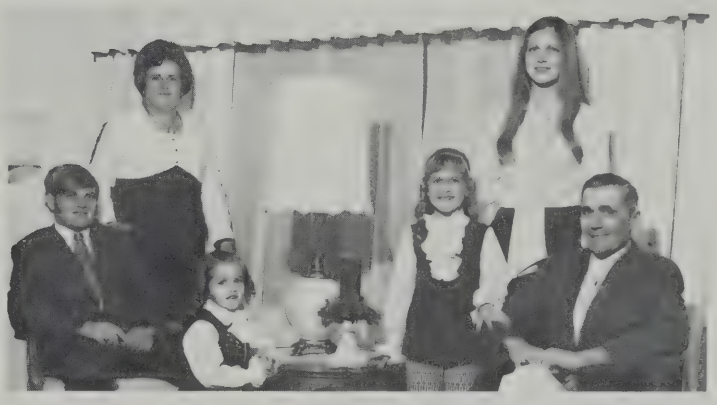
Neil attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1943 and has spent his entire life in Harrisonville. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Harrisonville; Harrisonville Optimist Club and a life member of Optimist International; Cass Lodge No. 147, A.F. & A.M.; Bayard Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star; Cass County Shrine Club and Ararat Temple of Kansas City; secretary-treasurer of Harrisonville Grade A Milk Hauling Assn., Inc.; and has been a member of the Board of Directors of Public Water Supply District No. 9 of Cass County, Missouri, since its organization in December, 1971. He has always been a farmer and dairyman.

Evelyn attended grade school in Harrisonville and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1949, and has lived all her life in Harrisonville with the exception of six years when she lived in Kansas City, Kansas, from 1942 to 1948. She was a legal secretary for the law firm of Crouch, Crouch, Spangler & Douglas for 18 years from 1950 to 1968. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Harrisonville and Bayard Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star.

Neil and Evelyn made their first home in an apartment in Harrisonville, then in 1951 they moved to the old Edelen farm owned by J. C. Polson between Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill on P Highway in the Ore Community, where they lived five years. Then they built a new home in Harrisonville at 1000 Maple Lane where they lived for six years. They purchased the farm of Neil's birthplace 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway from his grandfather's estate, John Luther Kohler, in 1962, built a new home there, and presently reside there.

Michael Neil was active in the Eight-Mile 4-H Club and F.F.A. and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1969. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1973 with a B.S. Degree in Dairy Husbandry. He was married on January 18, 1975, at the First Baptist Church in Harrisonville to Vicki Lynn Hubble, born October 5, 1955, daughter of Richard Hubble and Patty (Welborn) Hubble. He is presently farming with his father and Vicki is employed with the Commerce Bank of Harrisonville and they live in Harrisonville.

Elaine Evelyn was active in the Eight-Mile 4-H Club and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1971. She worked two years for United Farm Agency in Kansas City. She was married on January 4, 1974, to Michael Layne Stark, born February 28, 1950, son of B. W. Stark and Beulah (Kornhaus) Stark. Elaine and Mike are presently enrolled as juniors at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Elaine majoring in Horticulture and Mike majoring in Animal Husbandry.



The Neil Gordon Kohler Family.

ELMER KOLL

In 1948 Elmer and Orienne Koll bought a farm north of Raymore known as the Funk place. It was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Cheatam. In February of 1949, the Kolls and their three children moved to this community from Nettleton, Missouri. The children, Dick, Joyce and Sandra all went to Raymore Elementary School and graduated from high school there. Elmer served two years on the school board. The children were all active in school activities and also in 4-H. Elmer served as a 4-H leader. In 1966 he was elected as an alderman on the city board and served for four years. The Kolls are members of the Raymore United Methodist Church.

In 1957 Dick married JoAnn Helt, of Belton, Missouri. In 1958, the eldest daughter, Joyce, was united in marriage to Donnie Boles, a Raymore boy. In 1960 Elmer and Orienne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. On December 8, 1961, Sandra was married to another Raymore boy, Gary Welborn. The two girls and their families still reside in Raymore. Dick and his family live on a farm they purchased six years ago at Lincoln, Missouri.

There have been nine grandchildren added to the Koll family.

KOSKY FAMILY

Louis William George Kosky arrived in New York from Germany on September 20, 1851. He married Anna Wasserman from Dubach, Bavaria in Fort Wayne, Indiana Oct. 10, 1853. After living in several small towns in the midwest, the family consisting of two daughters and one son settled in Pleasant Hill, Missouri in 1868.

Mr. Kosky erected a barber shop and established his business here. In 1887 he purchased the lot where the Pleasant Hill Historical Society museum stands. His son built, in 1904, the small building, which housed his barber shop for so many years, and which burned in January, 1971. The elder Kosky barbered in Pleasant Hill from 1868 to 1898. The front wall of the building was built of stone from the old "Stone College" built in 1866. Old photos of the college show the keystone doorway and two windows of the stone wall as a part of the three story tower on the college building, which was carefully razed and rebuilt as the front of the Kosky shop. The Society preserved and used the stone front for the museum as its historical value is measureless and it remains strong and sturdy.

Being an early pioneer in Pleasant Hill, he helped lay out the town. The original framed layout of the town hung in his barber shop for many years.

His son, William George Kosky, who lived all of his life from the age of six in Pleasant Hill, barbered in the barber shop from 1888 until his death in 1943 (55 years.)

The Kosky Family.

HERBERT E. KREEGER

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Kreeger moved to Raymore in April, 1922 from Grandview, Missouri. Mr. Kreeger was the village blacksmith for many years and was also engaged in the carpenter trade, in which he is still active. Mr. and Mrs. Kreeger have three children, Joseph E. Kreeger, of Tacoma, Washington, a graduate of Raymore High School and now retired from the Air Force with 26 years of service; Mrs. Edward B. Thomson, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri, also a graduate of Raymore High School and now engaged in Real Estate with offices in Belton and Raymore and Karl M. Kreeger, of Roeland Park, Kansas, an architectural graduate of Kansas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kreeger moved from Raymore in 1941 to Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Kreeger still resides, but soon will be returning to Raymore to make his home with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Thomson, Jr. Mrs. Kreeger passed away on July 30, 1965.

LEO HAROLD KURZWEIL

Leo "Harold" Kurzweil, born at Raymore, Missouri, in Cass County, is the youngest of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Soleman Herman Kurzweil. The children are: James R., Mary Louise, Maxine, Lorene, Anna Marie and Harold.

Harold started farming and dairying with his father on the homeplace at Raymore upon his graduation from Raymore High School. He was married to Linda Barry, of Olathe, Kansas. While residing at Raymore two of their children were born, Harold "Michael" and Julie Marie. In 1961 they purchased a farm one mile Northwest of Freeman, Missouri and moved on it in 1966. There, two daughters were born, Linda "Diane" and Deborah "Gail."

The Kurzweils have resided in Cass and Jackson counties for four generations. Vincent Kurzweil, grandfather of Harold, came to this country as a boy from Austria with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurzweil.

SOLEMAN HERMAN KURZWEIL

Soleman Herman Kurzweil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kurzweil of Grandview, Missouri. He was united in marriage to Eleonora Effertz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Effertz of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Herman and his brother, Walter, came on March 20, 1919 from Grandview to the Long Farm one and one-half miles northeast of Raymore where Walter still resides.

In September of 1923 Herman and Eleonora moved to Lee's Summit, residing on a farm south of Lee's Summit for two and one-half years where their children, James R. and Mary Louise, were born. While living in Lee's Summit, they purchased and moved to the Elie Winkler farm two and three-fourths miles northeast of Raymore. Here four more of their children were born: Maxine, Lorene, Anna Marie and Harold. All the children attended the Raymore school.

In 1926, Herman was elected to the Board of Directors of the Pure Milk Producers for four years and then served as treasurer for twenty-four years. In 1935, he became chairman of the Raymore Township Board and served until his resignation in 1971. He was also a 4-H leader for several years. The Kurzweils lived on their farm near Raymore for 46 years and Herman was a dairyman for 40 years.

While Herman was busy with his activities, Eleonora was busy with their family and church work at St. Mary's in Lee's Summit. Their first son, James, who married Cecelia Benjamin of Hickman Mills, bought and still resides on a farm southeast of Harrisonville. They are the parents of three sons.

Their eldest daughter, Mary Louise, married Robert Belcher of Greenwood, Missouri and now lives at Olathe, Kansas. Bob is a self employed salesman. They are the parents of seven sons and three daughters and have three grandchildren.

Their second daughter, Maxine, married Bearl Dean of Raymore. They bought and reside on a farm along 58 Highway. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter.

Their third daughter, Lorene, married Robert W. Butler of Oak Grove, Missouri and they now live at Grandview, Missouri. Bob works at Bendix as a guard. They are the parents of three daughters and one son.

Their fourth daughter, Anna Marie, married Fred Seba from Raymore and they now live at Slater, Missouri. Fred is employed as a carpenter. They are the parents of four sons and two daughters.

Their second son, Harold, married Linda Berry of Olathe, Kansas. They bought and reside on a farm west of Freeman, Missouri and are the parents of two daughters and one son.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kurzweil have retired and reside on the farm in a home they built twelve years ago.

DRURY LAFFOON

Drury Laffoon bought Calvin Powell's acreage adjoining Grandmother Powell's 85 acres.

During the Civil War a sister of Drury Laffoon, Lucinda Smith, and her husband, who was home on furlough from the Civil War, began walking across the fields to visit another brother, John Laffoon, who lived west of Grand River. This was a short time before their child was to be born. As Lucinda Smith tired from walking, they stopped under a tree to rest. Some soldiers (Bushwhackers) came along and seeing the husband, said he was a deserter. They took him and hung him in the barn on the John R. Williams place. Because of the tragedy which Lucinda Smith was forced to watch, her baby was born afflicted and lived only a short time.

At the time of Order No. 11, Drury Laffoon was made a freighter in the Army between Missouri and Nebraska because he said he could not kill a man. He took freight from one Army post to another, unprotected.

Saleta Laffoon Powell, wife of James M. Powell, had vivid recollections of crossing the Platte River on a ferry boat.

John Laffoon, as a very young child, was playing in the yard when some soldiers or Bushwhackers came along, grabbed him and mistreated him so badly that he lost his speech for several weeks. When he could speak again, he stuttered, an affliction that remained with him all of his life. A great-granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rogers, still own 35 acres of the original Laffoon farm. A great-granddaughter of John E. Laffoon, Stelline Simon, still owns 55 acres of the original Drury Laffoon farm.

FORREST DEAN LAFFOON

Forrest Dean Laffoon was born on April 5, 1898 in Cleveland, Mo., the son of Amanda (Hall) and Robert E. Laffoon. At the age of 37, he married Gladys Nadine Davenport on June 20, 1935. G. Nadine was born in Kansas City, Mo., on May 31, 1915 to Clauid Wilson Davenport (born in Cass Co., Mo., on January 2, 1883 and died in Feb., 1951) and Bessie Anne Turham (born in Parson, Kansas on June 16, 1884 and died April 1, 1940).

Forrest and G. Nadine had three children; the first child, Billy Dean Laffoon, born Jan. 3, 1938; the second child and the only girl, Betty Jean Laffoon was born on January 19, 1939; and Donald Lee Laffoon, the last child was born on December 16, 1940 in Cleveland. Forrest died on October 18, 1962. Nadine is now residing in Peculiar.

Billy married Mary I. McKinley of Belton, Mo., daughter of Flossie (Ash) and J. Wesley McKinley. They have one child, Brenda Lee Laffoon. Bill and Mary are now residing in Jaudon. Brenda is in her second year of college at Southwest Mo. State at Springfield, Missouri.

Betty married Gilbert Earl Bricker of Raymore, Mo. Gilbert was born in Lonejack, Mo. to Velma (Wilken) and Homer Bricker. They have three children; Denise Annette Bricker, Tammy Jo Bricker who lived approximately three months, and Jennifer Darlene Bricker who was born six days after the death of her grandfather, Forrest. The children's father, Gilbert, died on July 27, 1967. Betty remarried to Capt. Paul Bourque of the USAF, and are now residing in Bruchmulbach, Germany.

Donald married Gaylee Welborn of Peculiar, Mo. Gaylee was born in Goose Creek, Texas to Genevieve (Hornaker) and Gail Welborn. A pair of twins were born of this marriage, Donald Lee and Ronald Gail Laffoon. Don and Gaylee's marriage was dissolved. Gaylee and the twins are now residing outside of Peculiar.

Don remarried to Judith Anne Hyatt, daughter of Doris (McClear) and Harold Hyatt. Judy brought to the marriage a son from a previous marriage, Nick Anthony Jungman. They have two children; Todd Harold Laffoon and Tera Renee Laffoon. They are now residing in rural Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Laffoon.

THE JOHN LAFFOON FAMILY

Sometime in the early 1700's a Laffoon family left France and sailed for America because of the persecution of certain religious sects at that time. The Laffoons were French Hugenots. The first Laffoon to come to America was Dennis. Dennis and his family settled first in North Carolina. His son,

James, moved to Tennessee from North Carolina. Drewry Laffoon was a son of James, and a grandson of Dennis Laffoon. Drewry and his North Carolina wife established their home in Tennessee, but later moved to Missouri and then to western Kansas. The Drewry Laffoon family consisted of four sons and one daughter: Frank, George, John, Mark and Leta. Three children died in infancy. After the death of Drewry's first wife, he married Minerva Stone, who was the mother of the above children.

John Laffoon married Louise Frazier and to them were born five children: Drew, Ralph, Virgil, Heber and Irene, who died before she was a year old. About 1892 the family moved back to Missouri from Kansas.

Mark Laffoon married a Kansas girl. They had five children, four sons, and a daughter that died while young. Of the sons, France was a physician; Merette, an electrical engineer; Gilmer, a dentist; Vernon was employed in Kansas City. Mark and his wife, Kate, are buried in West Union Cemetery. Frank was married twice. He had two daughters. The George Laffoon family had two children, a daughter that died young and a son that now lives in Albion, Oklahoma. Leta Laffoon married James Powell and had two daughters, Delvena and Ora. John Laffoon's oldest son, Drew, lives in Peculiar and has served as assessor and tax collector for West Peculiar Township.

L. D. LAFFOON

L. D. (Drew) Laffoon was born November 11, 1891, in Comanche County, Kansas. His parents, John H. and Louise A. Laffoon, moved to Peculiar in 1893, where Drew grew to manhood. He attended a country school near Peculiar and the two-year high school in Peculiar, graduating in 1909.

Drew was married in 1916 and divorced in 1930. In 1937 he married Ida Larkin of Springfield, Missouri.

He farmed near Peculiar in 1928 and the worked in a garage for eight years. He was employed by the Witte Engine Works in Kansas City for fifteen years.

Drew is an active member of the Methodist Church in Peculiar, and served as chairman of the official board for a number of years. He belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America and held an office until the fraternal organization gave way to its successor insurance company. Drew was a member of the I00F Lodge, where he served as Noble Grand and Secretary, a position he held at the time of its consolidation with the Westport Lodge. He joined the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in 1917 in Peculiar, and served as Worshipful Master in 1925. He then became secretary and was holding that office when the Peculiar Lodge consolidated with Raymore in 1932. In 1937 the Raymore Lodge consolidated with Belton, where Drew was elected secretary, a position he holds at this time. Drew is now 76 years old, an active member of the Peculiar Lions Club, and a Democrat.

JOHN LaMAR

John LaMar was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee October 24, 1819. He married Frances Hodges in Jefferson County February 18, 1841 and a son was born to them in January, 1842. Later that year they left Tennessee for Missouri, with Frances' parents, Welcome and Rebecca Callaway Hodges. They crossed the Mississippi River by ferry at Cairo, Illinois and re-shod the horses at Charleston. They found a log house in what is now Polk County, Missouri and spent the summer of 1842 there. Not being satisfied with the land in Polk County, John and Welcome left the family there and set out on horseback for Platte Purchase where John's brother, William, had settled. They found the land more to their liking and returned and brought the family to Platte County near Weston. John and his family settled in Cass County four miles southwest of what is now Belton, Missouri and built a log cabin in 1854. The land was bought from the U.S. Government and a great-grandson, Baker LaMar, still has the original land grant issued and signed by the then president, Franklin Pierce.

When Order No. 11 was issued during the Civil War, Frances took the small children and returned to Platte County for the duration. John and the two oldest sons, James C. and N. B. mounted their horses and joined the Confederate forces. In 1858 a frame home was built about 300 yards west of the original site. Two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs, with rock fireplaces on each end of the house. This house was set on fire two or three times during the war, but was not destroyed. All three men survived the war but had to relinquish their horses to the Union forces. The horses were later returned if the owners could identify them. Mr. LaMar went to Harrisonville where the Union Army had corralled them and was able to identify two of them.

After the war the two older sons joined a wagon train in Westport, Jackson County, Missouri and made the trip to Oregon and back. Of the seven sons and two daughters born to John and Frances, six sons, N. B., J. C., Charles, William, John Jr. and Henry and one daughter, Harriet, were married and settled in the surrounding area. Thomas, the other son, died at age 23, and Rebecca Elizabeth, never married, took care of her parents until their death; Frances in 1898 and John in 1905. One rather unusual aspect of this family is that the entire family are buried at the Bryant Cemetery, three miles west of Belton. In 1891 John and Frances celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the old homestead.

The youngest son, Henry, and his wife, Adabelle Baker, built a home not far from the original house and raised their family there. His son, Walter, and his bride, Mayme Kerr, moved into the old home and raised their family. Walter's son, Baker LaMar, built his home on part of the original land and he and his wife, Myrtle Mae, lived there until 1973 when they sold their place and retired to McAllen, Texas.

Tommy Dobson, another grandson of Henry's, N. B. LaMar, grandson of N. B. and Margaret Wade, granddaughter of Harriet, still live in Cass County. A few grandchildren and numerous other great-grandchildren of John and Frances LaMar live in the greater Kansas City area.

PETER BENJAMIN LAND

The father of Peter B. Land was William Land, who was born Jan. 19, 1838 in Cumberland County, Illinois. He married 1st in September, 1859, Emily Sublette, born in 1840 in

Ashmore Twp. Cumberland County, Illinois. Emily died in December of 1865 after the birth of the last two children. Their children were Peter B. and Lucinda. William married 2nd, Lucinda Milner in 1868 and they had three children: Rebecca S., Malinda M. and Charles W. According to Tillie Crutcher of Grandview, Missouri, there were three more children: Grove, Jim and Daisy.

William served for three years in the 123rd Regt. Illinois Volunteer Inf., one of the Regiments comprising General Wilders' Brigade in the Civil War. The family came to Missouri to visit or to live when Peter B. Land was four years old. His mother died and was buried in Platte County, Missouri, and Peter remembered carrying big rocks to put around her grave. They moved back to Illinois where William remarried. Matilda and Emily Sublette, old maid sisters of Emily Sublette Land, came to visit William and Lucinda Land and found William and his sister sleeping in the attic on some old rags, so they took the children home with them to raise. Emily Sublette had another sister, Sally, and a brother Tom. William Land was six feet tall.

Peter Benjamin Land, son of William and Emily Sublette Land, was born April 22, 1860 in Ashmore Twp. Cumberland Co., Illinois. He was six feet three inches tall, had brown hair and brown eyes and had a birth mark on his cheek. He married Katherine Ashmore in 1881 and they moved to Missouri in 1901, where they lived on a farm in Henry County, near Creighton, Missouri. Here they reared eight children. In 1919 they moved to Drexel, Missouri and bought a farm from Archie Miller. Later they retired in Drexel. Peter died May 14, 1946 and is buried at Grant Cemetery, Creighton, Missouri. Katherine Ann Ashmore, wife of Peter B. Land, was born December 1, 1861 at Ashmore, Illinois, and died September 26, 1942 at Drexel, Missouri. She is buried in Grant Cemetery. Her parents were Samuel Clayborn Ashmore, born April 22, 1830 in Vermillion County, Ill. and died March 14, 1900 at Ashmore, Ill., and Mary Elizabeth Turner Ashmore, born July 4, 1836, Coles County, Ill. and died August 9, 1912 at Ashmore, Ill. They were married October 27, 1853 in Coles County, Ill. She was the daughter of Samuel Turner, born Madison County, Ky. and Eliza Jane Wiley, born Sept. 20, 1828 in Bracken County, Ky. The Ashmore family left Tennessee because they detested slavery. Children of Peter B. Land and Katherine Ann Ashmore Land are: 1. Edna Blanch Land, born Aug. 31, 1882, Ashmore, Ill., married Ernest Howard Quick Nov. 22, 1905 and had Ralph Leland, Eva Jeanette, Thomas Peter, Gean Howard, Margaret Lucille, Neil Land, Noel Herbert, Lyman Wayne and Lela Maxine. 2. Roland Oliver Land, born Jan. 19, 1884, Ashmore, Ill. married July 2, 1907, Margaret Staley at Clinton, Missouri. Children: Wilma Mary, Margaret Ruth and Vincent Albert. 3. Thomas Turner Land, born April 14, 1888, Ashmore, Ill. married 1st, April 20, 1909, Henry Co., Mo., Nellie Belle Single. She died the fall of 1924. He married 2nd, Naomi Tannehill. Born of 1st marriage: Robert Elwood, May 14, 1918. 4. Mabel Clair Land, born Jan. 10, 1890, Ashmore, Ill. married Feb. 18, 1908 John Reynolds of Clinton, Mo. Children: Clarence Albert and Rita Dean. 5. Nina Land, born Aug. 14, 1886, died in infancy. 6. Matilda Ashmore Land, born Nov. 25, 1892 married April 6, 1921 Edward L. Crutcher at Harrisonville, Mo. and had one daughter, Lorita. 7. Roy Vernon Land, born July 14, 1895 married Tessie Kent April 27, 1921 at Drexel, Mo. and had one son, Charles B. Land. 8. James Ralph Land, born May 23, 1897, Ashmore, Ill. married April 24, 1924 at San Francisco, Calif., Gladys Riddle. 9. Hugh Leland Land, born March 18, 1899, Ashmore, Ill., died in infancy. 10. Donald Owen Land, born Sept. 7, 1901, Ashmore, Ill., married May 15, 1923 at Drexel, Mo. Lela Marie May, born Aug. 13, 1905 at Drexel, daughter of Charlie Lee May, born Jan. 10, 1878 and Annie Florence Beam. Children of Donald and Lela May Land: Phillis May, born Feb. 20, 1924, died in infancy, Lillian Marie, born Sept. 12, 1925 at Drexel, Mo., married Bernard Hopkins.

JOHN BARTLET LANDERS

John Bartlet Landers was born Oct. 3, 1842, Clark Co., Mo., died Sept. 6, 1934, married Sept. 17, 1865, Cass Co., Mo., Jane Roupe who died Aug. 15, 1910. He served through the Civil War, volunteering in the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry at Iola, Allen Co., Kans., 18 months of his service being with Scout William F. Cody. After war service he lived 2 years in Allen Co., Kans. then settled 1 mile E. of East Lynne, Cass Co., Mo. He and his wife had 5 children: William Henry Landers born Sept. 2, 1868, died Nov. 15, 1959, married Sally Belcher Landers who died Feb. 26, 1949; Mary Elizabeth Landers born Jan. 14, 1871, died Apr. 12, 1950, married Nov. 1, 1891, Jacob Levi Kenagy, 1868-1958; Ida Isabella Landers born Apr. 10, 1873, died Feb. 20, 1904, married Samuel M. Beegles born Nov. 8, 1871, died June 18, 1950; John Wesley Landers born June 29, 1875, died Oct. 26, 1948, married Aug. 12, 1900 Betty Jane Ridings born Nov. 4, 1880, died May 24, 1971; James Arthur Landers born May 5, 1881, died May 24, 1954, married Estella Stokes born Mar. 8, 1882, died Dec. 22, 1970. They had no children.

The 3 children of William Henry and Sally Landers were: Ruth A. Landers born Nov. 6, 1897, died Jan. 1, 1964, married Jan. 9, 1919 George Hicks; Myrtle Jane Landers born Jan. 22, 1900, married Raymond Garmon born June 14, 1897; William Earl Landers born July 5, 1914, married Aug. 4, 1940 Opha Benta born Oct. 31, 1915.

The 5 children of Samuel M. and Ida Isabella Beegles were: Clarence Henry Beegles born Nov. 1894, married Bessie Warren; Samuel Edward Beegles born Feb. 17, 1896, died Sept. 25, 1962, married Edith Adcock; John Harrison Beegles born Oct. 31, 1898, died Aug. 26, 1972, married Viola Ridgway; Cora Elizabeth Beegles born Sept. 1900, died Feb. 11, 1920, married Victor Maddox; Ransom Beegles born Sept. 7, 1902, died 1911.

The 8 children of John Wesley and Betty Jane Landers were: Edna Marie Landers born June 1, 1902; Henry Irven Landers born Aug. 20, 1904, married Irene Burkett, is a building contractor and painter, has son Tommy Irven Landers; Lula Mae Landers born Feb. 20, 1906, married May 17, 1924 Ira Sides who retired 1971 from T.W.A., a mechanic, had a shop with brother-in-law Loyd Landers 23 years in Latour, Mo., has son Wilbur Sides born May 2, 1925 and daughter Joyce Lucille Sides born Oct. 3, 1938; Lee Loyd Landers born June 11, 1908, married June 4, 1933 Margaret Maxham, garage owner, trucker, Angus cattle raiser, of Latour, Mo., has son Dr. Jack Landers of Central Missouri University, War-

rensburg, Mo.; Rebecca Landers born Dec. 1, 1912; Mayme Frances Landers born Feb. 12, 1913; Nellie Grace Landers born May 28, 1917, married Maurice Lyness born June 15, 1919, has daughters Linda Lyness born Sept. 5, 1947 and Bettie Lyness born Oct. 24, 1950; Myrtle Landers born Apr. 21, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlett Landers.

GEORGE BARKER LANE

The Lane family came to Cass Co. from Bath Co., Ky. in the year 1898 to the Hamilton farm of 600 acres located southeast of Raymore in Sec. 24, Raymore, Twp.

George Barker Lane, son of George Lane and Crit (Owings) Lane, is a descendant of William Lane I (1708-1741) of Westmoreland Co., Virginia. George Lane, was a stockman and farmer in Kentucky and died there in 1888, his wife in 1934. He is also a descendant of Elder William Brewster of the Plymouth Colony.

George Barker Lane (1869-1930) was united in marriage, in 1895, to Georgia (Hamilton) Woodson (1870-1922), daughter of Ellen (Ashby) and George Hamilton of Bath Co., Ky. George Hamilton and his brother, J. C., were large handlers of pure-bred shorthorns. Ellen (Ashby) Hamilton was the daughter of Dr. Mauzey Q. Ashby (recorded in Cass Co. land records as Manzey Q. Ashby), and Marcia O. Ashby of Montgomery Co., Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Lane were the parents of: George Barker Lane, Jr. (1896-1971), Crit (Lane) Allen, and Owings Hamilton Lane. One son, Winston Hamilton Woodson (1892-1960) was born to Mrs. Lane by a previous marriage.

George B. Lane, Jr. and Vera (Parrott) Lane, daughter of Elizabeth (Wilmott) and George Parrott, were married Sept. 12, 1917. They lived 2 miles east of Raymore where Mr. Lane was a farmer and stockman. He also raised and trained saddle horses, showing mainly in the 1920s and 1930s. George and Vera have two children: G. Barker Lane III married Dorothy E. McKinley, in 1950, and they have one daughter, Sandra E. Barker has been employed at Fleetwood Chev. Co. at Belton since 1947 and has retained the family farm that has been in the family since 1902; Mary Elizabeth Lane married Buford A. Coleman, in 1948, and they have three children, Dorothy Elizabeth Beckner, Sharon Elaine and George Robert. The Coleman family has resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico since the early 1950s.

Crit (Lane) Allen was married Feb. 10, 1919 to George H. (Butch) Allen (1897-1960), son of Neelie (Ray) and George E. Allen. They lived their married life on their farm located 1½ miles south of Raymore where Mrs. Allen still resides. Mr. Allen was a farmer and stockman, specializing in registered black angus cattle. They are the parents of two children: Georgia Crit Allen and Jeffries W. Prewit of Mt. Sterling, Ky. were married in 1952 and are the parents of two children, Ellen Kenny and Allen Jeffries; Hal H. Allen married Judy K. Keen, in 1960, and they have three children, Steve William, Susan Kay and Sara Crit. The Hal Allens live at Allen's Angus Acres located south of Raymore where Hal specializes in black angus cattle.

Owings H. Lane and Esther (Ware) Lane, daughter of Mary (Benson) and John J. Ware of Pleasant Hill, were married July 17, 1924. The family moved from the Cleveland community to Calif. in 1935 where Mr. Lane was employed in the horse show business. Owings and Esther are retired and living in Mountain View, Calif., and are the parents of three children: Kitty Louise Lane married Royce Haugh in 1945 and they have three children, Shelley Lynn, Nancy Ellen and Susan Lane; Esther Alice Lane married Lionel Levy, Jr. in 1953 and are the parents of a son Michael Lane; O. H. Lane has three daughters, Michele Denise Martin, Marty Louise, and Lisa Lynn. Michele is married to Terry Martin and they have a son, Jason Michael Martin. These families all live in California.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barker Lane, Sr.

Winston H. Woodson and Martha E. (Allen) Woodson, daughter of Martha (Kitty Dewar) and William Harrelson Allen of Pleasant Hill were married in 1916. Mr. Woodson was an attorney in Kansas City where they resided. Winston and Martha are the parents of three sons: Winston Allen Woodson married Sara Jane Wilkerson and they have three children, Jeffrey Allen, Sally Jane and Judith Lynn; William Hamilton Woodson married Nancy Senter and they have a daughter Melanie Ann and a son James Allen. They also have one son John Senter Woodson, deceased; John Tucker Woodson is married to Lynda Wolfinger and they have three children, Samuel Allen, Katherine Lynn, and Joanna.

The Lane ancestor, James Hardage Lane (1735-1787), son of William Lane I, was a captain in the American Revolution, serving in Virginia. His descendant, George Lane of Kentucky served in the Civil War. George B. Lane, Jr. was in training at Fort McArthur, Texas when the Armistice was signed in WW I. G. Barker Lane III was in the Sixth Cavalry

Recon. Sq. under Patton in WW II and was on duty at the Nuremberg Trials after the war. O. H. Lane, of Mountain View, Calif., was in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, serving on the minesweepers U.S.S. Doyle, U.S. Chief and U.S.S. Gladiator, thus completing a span of several wars, almost two hundred years and one country.

C. E. LANKFORD JR.

Jane (Jennie) Amelia Creighton (1877-1960), daughter of Marcus A. and Mary Adella Creighton was married May 9, 1900 to Chatham Ewing Lankford Jr. (1876-1915) at Creighton, Missouri. Jennie Creighton Lankford was a graduate of Baird College, Clinton, Missouri. She later continued her education at Central Missouri State Teachers College and the University of Colorado. After the death of her husband in 1915, Mrs. Lankford was Principal of the Plattsburg Missouri High School. She also served eight years as Superintendent of Clinton County Schools. C. E. Lankford Jr. became a farmer and cattle rancher near Creighton, Missouri after his education at the University of Missouri. He was a grandson of Doctor and Mrs. Taswell Sydney Smith who came to Missouri from Tennessee in the 1840's. Children of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Landford Jr.: 1. Ruth Lankford Brown, attended Synodical College, Fulton, Missouri and received a B.S. degree from Southwest Missouri State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She did graduate work in Colorado and California. She has served as President of the Business and Professional Women's Club, American Association of University Women, Gem and Mineral Club and her Presbyterian Women's Association. 2. Creighton Kirby Lankford, attended Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri before receiving an appointment to the United States Naval Academy where he graduated in 1924. He was assigned to Pensacola, Florida and received his "Wings" in the United States Navy. As a member of the "High Hat Squadron" he was chosen to fly at the Cleveland Air races. September 16, 1931 the U.S. Government ordered him to fly medical supplies to British Honduras. He was one of the victims of a plane crash while on that mission. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. 3. Louise Lankford Hammond is the wife of Doctor E. Oren Hammond. She received a B.S. Degree from Northwest Missouri State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She was a teacher and Elementary School Principal of the Plattsburg, Missouri Elementary School. She was a Master teacher in the Kansas City, Missouri School System, and summer school instructor at the University of Northern Colorado. During her educational career she was a member of numerous educational organizations including Pi Lamba Theta Sorority, and American University Women. At the present time she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Woman's City Club and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She is also an active member of the Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Hammond is now assisting her husband Dr. Hammond in editing over 1000 letters he received in the early 1930's from Civil War Veterans. In these stories they recount their military and reconstruction experiences. These historical letters represent a cross section of many localities in the United States including Cass County, Missouri.

JOSEPH HARWOOD LASLEY

Joseph H. Lasley, son of Lafe and Leta Lasley, has lived in the Raymore community most of his life and graduated from the Raymore High School in 1934. As a young man, he accepted employment in Kansas City with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, in their Real Estate Investment Department. With the exception of three years spent in World War II, Joe was continuously employed by the company, retiring in 1972. In 1940, he married Jane Depher of Kansas City. Ten years later, they made their home with Joe's father on the Lasley farm.

In the following years, Joe served six years on the Raymore School Board; actively worked for the Reorganized School District of Raymore-Peculiar; participated as a member of the County Planning Commission for five years and served as an original board member of the Cass County Public Library Board, having been a trustee for six years. The entire family has been active in the Raymore United Methodist Church.

Two sons were born to this marriage: William Joseph, in 1946 and Thomas Lafayette, in 1953. Both boys graduated from the Raymore-Peculiar High School where they met their future wives. Bill graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1968 and then continued his education at U.M.K.C. where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. In 1970, he married Marilee Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williamson of Peculiar. After graduating from Central Missouri State University, Marilee taught two years in the Peculiar Grade School. Bill is now a practicing attorney and served two years as attorney for the city of Raymore. The couple resides in Kansas City and has two sons: Peter Joseph, born Nov. 26, 1972 and Jeffery Thomas, born Feb. 22, 1976.

Tom and his wife, Carolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Lewis of Lake Winnebago, were married Dec. 24, 1974. Carolyn graduated from C.M.S.U. and Tom is currently in his second year of law school at U.M.K.C. They live in Kansas City.

The Joseph H. Lasley Family.

LLOYD B. LAW

Lloyd B. Law was born December 24, 1896 in Sloan, Woodbury County, Iowa. He was the son of Andrew Jackson Law and Minnie (Conant) Law. They were married on October 30, 1889 and moved to Drexel, Cass County, Mo. in 1901. With the exception of four years residence in Granis, Arkansas, the family lived in Cass County.

A. J. Law was a blacksmith and had shops in Drexel, West Line, and Cleveland. He passed away on March 30, 1919.

Minnie C. Law was born February 20, 1865 in Douglas County, Kansas at Lawrence. Her family witnessed the burning of Lawrence by Quantrill's Raiders. Later the family moved to Summerset, Warren County, Iowa.

Lloyd B. Law attended school in Drexel, West Line, and Cleveland. He is a veteran of World War I. He received his training in Waco, Texas and had boarded a ship to go overseas when the Armistice was signed. After only two days and a night at sea, the ship turned back to the United States. He was discharged in December and arrived home in time for Christmas. He was a painter by trade and was self employed for a number of years in Cleveland. In later years he was employed by a builder in Kansas City, Missouri.

On May 20, 1922 he married Nannie Sisk, of Holden, Missouri. She was teaching school at Cleveland at the time. She was the daughter of William F. and Addie Pearl George Sisk. Her grandfather, Samuel Perry Sisk, entered land from the government in 1854 for $1.25 per acre. He came from Illinois. He had served 4 years in the army during the War of the States. First he served with the Missouri Militia and then the 91st Illinois Infantry. The land he entered was about four miles northeast of Gunn City, Missouri on the Johnson-Cass County line. His land was on the Johnson County side. His brother, James Sisk, entered land across the road in Cass County. When Order No. 11 was issued all buildings on the James Sisk place were burned, but the buildings on Samuel's land in Johnson County were untouched. He also was a witness of the famous dog trail of Burden Vs. Hornsby at which Senator Vest made his famous "Eulogy to a Dog" in his closing argument.

Lloyd and Nannie are parents of three children. Darrel Gordon, who died in infancy, Carol Dean Crawford, of Fairway, Kansas and Wanda Jean Highsmith of Coral Gables, Florida. Carol married Sherman W. Crawford, of Belton, Mo. and Wanda married Shelby Highsmith, of Miami, Florida. There are three grandchildren: Steven Kenneth Crawford of Sunnyvale, California, Carolyn Sue Crawford, of Overland Park, Kansas and Holly Highsmith, of Coral Gables, Florida.

Lloyd and Nan have spent all of their married life in Cass County, with the exception of three years which they spent in Osawatomie, Kansas. They owned a small farm at Cleveland, Missouri and lived there for 20 years until Lloyd's health failed. They then moved to Belton where they still reside. They are members of the Belton United Methodist Church and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the church on May 20, 1972.

Family names are: Lloyd B. Law, Andrew Jackson Law, Minnie (Conant) Law, Nannie (Sisk) Law, William F. Sisk, Addie Pearl (George) Sisk, Samuel Perry Sisk, James Sisk, Senator Vest, Darrel Gordon Law, Carol Dean (Law) Crawford, Wanda Jean (Law) Highsmith, Sherman W. Crawford, Shelby Highsmith, Steven Kenneth Crawford, Carolyn Sue Crawford, and Holly Highsmith.

JOHN E. LAWRENCE

John E. Lawrence, third son of John H. and Polly Lawrence, was born in 1854 in Monroe County, Kentucky. In 1875, he was married to Miss Sarah Walker, daughter of Andy and Sally Walker. They became the parents of four children, Nancy E., William, Delia, and Charles. They traveled to the state of Washington where they lived two years, then back to Missouri and on to Nebraska about one hundred miles northwest of Norfolk. While there his wife died, so the family came back to Missouri where he married Myrtle Walker, a sister of his first wife, in 1885. Three children died in infancy then Fred, J. Harry and Addie were born. In 1903, Mr. Lawrence rented the farm now owned by Russell Jeter. On October 12 of that year, twins D. D. and Dick were born. In 1907, they returned to the original Lawrence place and there John and Myrtle remained until 1926. Then they moved to Monegaw Springs, Mo. for a period of 10 years. Then back to Raymore for fifteen years, where in 1951, John passed away at the age of 97 years. In 1956, Mrs. Lawrence died at the age of 87 years. The surviving children are J. Harry and Frances Lawrence of Belton. Addie (Mrs. C. Clodfelter) lives in Lancaster, Pa. D. D. and Blanche Lawrence live in Raymore and Dick and Nannie Lawrence are in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lawrence.

JOHN H. LAWRENCE

John H. Lawrence was born November 11, 1817 and died August 20, 1894. When about 26, he married Miss Polly Attaberry. They lived in Monroe County, Kentucky near the town of Tompkinsville. To this union three sons were born, Elbert, in 1845, William in 1851, and John E. in 1854.

In 1868, they left Kentucky and moved to Missouri and settled for a few years on a farm four miles northeast of Harrisonville. While at this location, the eldest son died in 1871 and was buried in a country cemetery on the old Brown farm.

Then in 1872 they moved from Harrisonville to an 80 acre farm one mile south of Raymore. In a couple of years, they moved to the opposite side of the same section and bought acreage on what is now J Highway. On this farm, Mrs. Lawrence died in August, 1891 and Mr. Lawrence died there in August, 1894.

ELMER DANIEL LEIMKUHLER, JR.

Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler, Jr. was born May 17, 1930, in Harrisonville, the son of Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler and Alice Belle Peterson Leimkuhler. He attended grade school in Harrisonville and graduated from Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1948. He entered the U.S. Air Force on September 16, 1950, and was discharged on September 15, 1954. He served in Texas, Massachusetts and Tokyo, Japan. In 1956 he graduated from Finley Engineering College, Kansas City, Missouri, and began his career as an architect. On September 23, 1961, he married Patricia Stayton, born December 23, 1939, in England, Arkansas, daughter of Haven and Lil Stayton. Patricia graduated from Raytown High School. Elmer and Patricia had two sons: Michael Haven, born August 23, 1962, and Scott Daniel, born November 29, 1965. They reside in Kansas City and Elmer is now Director of Operations for the entire North Kansas City School System.

ELMER DANIEL LEIMKUHLER

Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler, born October 30, 1904, near Harrisonville, eldest son of Herman John Leimkuhler and Anna Elizabeth Powell Leimkuhler.

He was married on August 2, 1929, at Olathe, Kansas, to Alice Belle Peterson, born January 14, 1909, near Freeman, daughter of David John Peterson and Dollie Pearl (Sutton) Peterson.

Elmer attended school in Edwardsville, Kansas, Belle Plain School southwest of Harrisonville and Rocky Ford School near Harrisonville as a child but quit at the seventh grade because schools had to close due to a coal shortage. He worked on the farm until 1924 when he went to work for the Missouri State Highway Department. Later he became a carpenter and worked in Harrisonville and Kansas City. He has helped build many houses in Harrisonville and many schools and churches in Kansas City. Elmer and Alice have always lived in Harrisonville except for six years from 1942 to 1948 when they lived in Kansas City, Kansas, because of Elmer's employment at Sunflower Ordinance Plant at Desoto, Kansas, after the end of World War II. During the draft in 1942, the first number called was No. 58 and Elmer was this number in Cass County, but because of his dependent wife and children he did not have to serve. He continued at the carpenter trade until he retired and he and Alice now live in Harrisonville.

Alice graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1928. She does beautiful needlework and handwork. She received three blue ribbons out of three entries at the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia for her appliqued quilts. She has also won many blue ribbons from the West Central Missouri District Fair at Pleasant Hill, and she won the high point trophy at that fair in 1971.

Elmer and Alice were the parents of three children, all born in Harrisonville: Elmer Daniel, Jr., born May 17, 1930, now living in North Kansas City, Missouri, Evelyn Lucille, born December 17, 1931, who married Neil Gordon Kohler and they live east of Harrisonville; and Elinor Ann, born August 23, 1933, who married Andrew Floyd Chancellor, Jr., and they now live in Harrisonville.

The Elmer D. Leimkuhler Family.

HERMAN JOHN LEIMKUHLER

Herman John Leimkuhler, born January 2, 1873, at Parkville, Missouri, died January 13, 1919, in the flu epidemic. He was married on December 15, 1897, to Anna Elizabeth Powell, born February 5, 1879, died November 17, 1957.

They came to Cass County in the fall of 1903 or spring of 1904 and lived on a farm northwest of Harrisonville. They later moved to Edwardsville, Kansas, and returned to Cass County about 1911. Herman was a farmer most of his life and in 1918 he worked for Quincy Franklin Beckerdite on the farm. Ironically, two generations later, Herman's granddaughter, Evelyn Lucille Leimkuhler, married Quincy's grandson, Neil Gordon Kohler, in July, 1950.

Herman and Anna were the parents of seven children: Annie May, Laura Johanna, Elmer Daniel, Mary Belle, George Julius, Mabel Leon and Melvin Eugene.

Annie May was born June 4, 1899 at Parkville, Missouri, and married Sterling Price Prettyman on December 30, 1925. He died July 12, 1959.

Laura Johanna was born October 1, 1901, at Parkville, Missouri. She married Fred Sherman on November 1, 1919. She later married George DeWitt Moerer on May 7, 1924, and they had two sons: George DeWitt, born March 6, 1925, and Don Eldon, born May 28, 1927. Laura Johanna now lives in Kansas City, Kansas.

Elmer Daniel was born October 30, 1904, near Harrisonville. On August 2, 1929, he married Alice Belle Peterson and they had three children: Elmer Daniel, Jr., born May 17, 1930; Evelyn Lucille, born December 17, 1931; and Elinor

Ann, born August 23, 1933, all born at Harrisonville. Elmer was a carpenter by trade.

Mary Belle was born February 20, 1907, died June 22, 1933, of electricity burns. She was married on February 20, 1929, to James Garrett Peterson, and they had two children: A son who died in infancy and Equella Joanna, born December 13, 1929.

George Julius was born September 29, 1909. He married Edith Frances Fields in March, 1939, and they had three sons: George Franklin, born January 8, 1940; Donald Wayne, born July 11, 1944; and Larry Dean, born November 24, 1951. George Julius was also a carpenter by trade and all of his family now lives in Harrisonville.

Mabel Leon was born July 7, 1912, near Harrisonville. She married Ersel Thomas on October 11, 1930, and he was later killed in an airplace crash. On April 2, 1932, she was married to William Henry Beeler and they had two children: Dixie Carol, born February 13, 1936; and Leon Calvin, born March 10, 1939. After Mr. Beeler's death she later married Roscoe Cameron on May 10, 1969. They now live in Austin.

Melvin Eugene was born May 27, 1917, in Harrisonville. He married Mina Lee Pope on November 2, 1939, and they had four children: Everett Eugene, born October 23, 1942; Lyle Eldon, born May 30, 1946; Anna Lee, born December 27, 1950; and Joyce Elaine, born April 26, 1956. Melvin has his own plumbing business in Harrisonville.

After Herman's death, his widow Anna then married C. Frank Davis in 1929, and he died in 1944.

The Herman John Leimkuhler Family.

JOHN THOMAS LIGGETT

John Thomas Liggett, whose father was an early English settler who came to Missouri in the middle 1800's, lived in the Tipton community.

He married Grace Darling Jerard and they lived west of Harrisonville, where their three children were born. The children were Cyril; Gertrude, who died at the age of 18 while attending Warrensburg Teachers College, and Coy, who attended Drake University in Iowa and received his degree in pharmacy. He worked as a drug salesman until his death in 1945.

John Liggett and his family moved to East Lynne, where he owned a drug store. In 1900 he sold the store and the family moved to Peculiar where he worked with "Doc" Dawes in his drug store. In 1902, John built a two-story building on the north side of the street, bought out Dawes, and established business in the new building where he continued until shortly before his death in 1939.

Dr. Cyril Liggett, after graduating from school in Peculiar, graduated from the first 3-year course in Veterinary Medicine in March, 1908, and returned to Peculiar to help his father in the drug store and establish his practice. He and Ada A. Shackelford were married in 1907. They made their home on a farm east of Peculiar and moved to town in 1915. Their only child, Helen Irene, was born in 1916. She is a graduate nurse and lives in Kansas City. Dr. Liggett continued his veterinary practice until his retirement in 1958. He remained in Peculiar until shortly before his death in 1969. Dr. Liggett served as Mayor of Peculiar, 1944-46, and was active in the community and the Masonic Lodge.

THOMAS FOSTER LIGHTCAP

Thomas Foster Lightcap and Margaret T. Baldridge were originally from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. They came to Missouri in 1872 and settled in the Raymore Community. They were the parents of six children, namely: Agnes, who married Abe Z. Funk and moved to a farm near Iola, Kansas. They were the parents of six children, all deceased; Mollie, who married Will Lasley, a business man of the Raymore Community and who lived on the property now owned by Wendell and Lotus Jeter. Mollie and Will were the parents of six children, one of whom is living, Mrs. John McAfee (Leola) of Wichita, Kansas. Alex, who married Florence Funk and resided on what is now the Frank Barr farm near Raymore. They were parents of seven children, four of whom are living — Mrs. Will Black (DeEtta) of Toronto, Kansas, Mrs. Willis Lawrence (Mary) of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Mrs. Guy Brown (Rhey) of Marissa, Illinois, and Mrs. Harry Butcher (Lois) of Evanston, Illinois. Sam, who married Carrie Campbell, was a school teacher and also was in the Drygoods business in Raymore for a few years. He had four children, two of whom are living; Mrs. Roy Webb (Besse) of Taylorville, Illinois and Mrs. Theodore Heckman (Margaret) of Belton, Missouri. Charlie, who married Nora Custer and lived on a farm near Raymore. He was also in the Grocery Business in Raymore for a number of years. And Lida, who married John Kentigh. Lida and John made their home on a farm near Raymore and later he was engaged in the hardware business in Raymore many years. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living, Mrs. Fred Lawrence (Verda) of Raymore, Missouri, Wilfred Kentigh of Newark, Delaware, and Mrs. Cecil Byrne (Mary Elizabeth) of Phoenix, Arizona.

WILLIAM A. LIGHTCAP

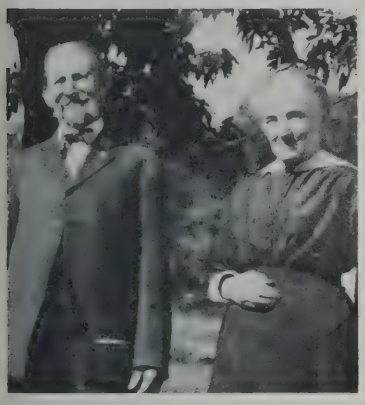
William A. Lightcap was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania September 4, 1839. His father was Solomon Lightcap and his mother's maiden name was Jane Allsworth.

In August, 1864, he enlisted as a private in the Union Army in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and served until the close of the civil war, being promoted to first duty sergeant.

Soon thereafter he was married to Miss Elizabeth Morrow, daughter of James and Susan Morrow, of Murrayville, Pa. on December 11, 1866. In 1869, the young couple came west and settled in Missouri. They came first to Greenwood, Mo. The next spring (1870) they bought a farm 1¼ miles northeast of Raymore and settled there until 1910 when they retired and located in Raymore.

When they arrived in Raymore, the railroad was new and without a depot. Mrs. Lightcap boarded the carpenters while the depot was being built. In 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap were two of the eleven charter members to organize the First Presbyterian Church in Raymore. The new depot served as a meeting place for the new church for the first five years. Mr. Lightcap was appointed one of the first elders of the church and served in that capacity for many years.

They were the parents of six children, five girls and a boy. The eldest was a daughter who died in infancy in 1871. The second daughter, Clara, was one of the first two babies to be baptized at the depot in 1872, where services were held until the church building was erected. She became the wife of Dr. W. F. Chaffin. Josephine was born in 1875 and Agnes (Mrs. C. E. Keeney) was born in 1881. The only son, William L. Lightcap, was born in 1884 and was associated with the Fidelity National Bank and Trust Company for many years. The youngest, and only surviving member of this pioneer family is Mrs. J. Harry (Frances) Lawrence of Belton, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lightcap.

DOROTHY LOU KOHLER LINDLEY

Dorothy Lou Kohler was born March 7, 1928, at the farm home 3½ miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, daughter of John Harold Kohler and Dora Isabelle Beckerdite Kohler.

She was married on April 24, 1949, at the First Baptist Church in Harrisonville to Billy Jack Lindley, born May 30, 1927, the son of Frank Lee Lindley, and Alpha Faye Pyle Lindley of Stockton, Missouri.

Dorothy and Jack had four children: Rebecca Fay Lindley, born June 26, 1950, at Harrisonville; Jack Scott Lindley, born February 18, 1953, in Kansas City; Bruce Lee Lindley, born December 8, 1957, at Fort Scott, Kansas; and Timothy Curtis Lindley, born November 2, 1966, at Chillicothe, Missouri.

Dorothy attended Lone Elm School and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1947. She was a practical nurse at the Harrisonville Memorial Hospital and also a receptionist and assistant for Dr. Clint Lord, D.D.S., of Harrisonville.

Jack graduated from Stockton High School and served in the U.S. Navy in 1946. He graduated from College of Mortuary Science in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947.

After graduation Jack came to Harrisonville, where he worked for Runnenburger's Funeral Home. In 1952 the family moved to Lee's Summit and worked for Langsford's Funeral Home. In 1955 they moved to Nevada and worked for Ferry's Funeral Home. In 1960 they moved to Chillicothe where they purchased the Keeney Funeral Home. They later purchased funeral homes at Tina, Chula, Laredo and Hale under the name of Lindley Funeral Homes, Inc. They are presently constructing a new funeral home in Chillicothe.

Rebecca Fay was married on June 28, 1975, at the First Christian Church in Chillicothe to Michael Ransdell, born February 14, 1947, at Tecumseh, Michigan, to Francis Burnham Ransdell and Genevieve Katherine Ronchetti Ransdell. Rebecca and Michael presently live in Rolla, Missouri.

Jack Scott graduated from Forrest Park Junior College in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1972, is a licensed mortician and is presently in business with his father in Chillicothe.

Dorothy Lou Kohler Lindley and Family.

JORDAN LINDSEY

Jordan Lindsey was born on April 2, 1908 in Corning, Arkansas. His father, Sterling Price, came from Audrain County, Missouri, and his mother, Anna Adelia Jordan Lindsey, from Reynolds County, Missouri. They were the parents of 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Jordan attended school in Corning and Jonesboro, Arkansas. Jordan's father was a banker and farmer. During the latter years of World War I, he and his older brother did the farming on the 160 acre cotton and wheat farm where they lived, all available workers had answered the call of duty to their country.

In 1928, Jordan's father sold his interest in the First National Bank of Corning. In 1930, Jordan and his father organized the Security Bank of Rich Hill which they later sold; however, before the sale, on April 6, 1931, Jordan and Gracia Lorene Day, daughter of Delmar Perkins and Bertha Louise Day of Datto, Arkansas, were married. Gracia's father was a banker and plantation owner who grew cotton, rice, and soybeans. Gracia taught school.

After leaving Rich Hill, Jordan and Gracia located in Cabool, Missouri where Jordan became associated with his father in a bank for the next 20 years. During this period, one daughter, Anna Louise Lindsey Ledbetter, now living in Can-

ada, and two sons, Jordan Day and Dayle Price, were born. Jordan's sons are now associated with their father in the Allen Bank and Trust Company, Harrisonville, Missouri, Jordan having purchased majority interest in the bank in July, 1953.

Jordan had a strong belief that a person must be useful to the community where he resides by doing what he could for the betterment of everyone. During his 20 years in Cabool, he served as mayor for 16 years. During this time, a complete sewer system was installed, and additional water facilities and electrical system were completed. Main street was paved and most other streets surfaced with asphalt, and an airport, including administration building, was built. He also organized a development corporation which has been responsible for bringing a number of other industries to the community. Jordan was Vice President, President, and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis.

In August, 1953, Jordan became a resident of Harrisonville, and the family transferred their church membership to the Methodist Church. He has been president of the Civic Association (now the Harrisonville Development Corporation), and is still a board member, and served on the Chamber of Commerce Board. On January 12, 1961, he was appointed by the County Court as a Trustee to serve with four others to supervise the construction of the new Cass County Memorial Hospital, and was elected Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership, the first dirt was turned on February 26, 1962, and the hospital completed and dedicated on April 6, 1963. He served Harrisonville as a council member and Mayor. Under his direction as Mayor, expansion of the electrical, water, and sewer facilities, Harrisonville Lake, street program, zoning, and comprehensive planning study were begun. He was instrumental in the rebuilding of U.S. Highway 71 from Kansas City to the Arkansas line. In 1974, Jordan was named chairman of the committee for obtaining housing for senior citizens. Thirty-six units are under construction. Today, Harrisonville is reaping the benefits of his efforts.

After 23 years under Jordan's leadership, the Allen Bank and Trust Company, of which he is Chairman of the Board and President, now occupies two new bank buildings and has grown from total assets of $2,000,000.00 to $17,500,000.00. He continues to take active part in all civic affairs and is an Advisory Trustee of Research Hospital in Kansas City.

Jordan Lindsey.

RALPH F. LOFLAND

Father of Ralph Lofland was Perry Lofland, who was an early settler in the Peculiar area. Perry Lofland was married to Addie Urton at an early age, and they made their home in the vicinity of West Union and Peculiar. Two sons were born of this union, Claude Lofland and Ralph Lofland. The grandfather of Ralph Lofland was Baker Urton, who served as constable of Peculiar for many years. Baker Urton served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was a picturesque character in the small town of Peculiar during its early history. Ralph Lofland now bears the nickname "Bake" and is possessed of some of the same characteristics as his noted grandfather.

Ralph Lofland was educated in the public schools in this community and attended four years at Missouri University, where he studied Civil Engineering. After working with a Consultant Engineering firm in Kansas City, Missouri, and later with the Missouri State Highway Department, he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, to open an office for the Portland Cement Association. Later he was sent to Oklahoma City to open an office for a construction materials company.

In 1933 the company transferred him to Dallas. Despite the depression years, Lofland saw a future for Dallas and the southwest. So a year later, with a great amount of confidence and very little money, he and Dave May opened their own construction materials office.

As they expected, Texas grew, and so did their company. Ill health forced May to retire in 1939 and Lofland bought his interest and formed The Lofland Company.

In addition to this operation in Dallas, Mr. Lofland has a plant in Little Rock, Arkansas, and another in Houston, Texas, in which he has an interest. In addition to his interest in steel fabricating, Mr. Lofland also has the Lofland Realty Co. of Dallas, which is operated by his wife, his daughter, Maebath, and his three grandchildren. In addition to his many duties with his companies, Mr. Lofland finds time for memberships in over 15 different community organizations and civic groups. He is a very busy and very happy man.

SAMUEL HENRY LOFLAND

Samuel Henry Lofland was born Sept. 23, 1826 in or near Milford, Del., was left an orphan very young and lived with his brother, John Lofland. When about 14 or 15 he ran away and joined the navy, was assigned to the ship "The Sea Bees" and became Captain. On May 18, 1851 he married, in or near Charleston, Ill., America Victoria Nordyke. In 1859 they moved with their 3 children to Mo., living first at Independence, then in Kansas City for a while, then moved to a farm 5 miles SW of Peculiar, Cass Co., Mo.

When the Civil War started Mr. Lofland volunteered and was made a Captain in the army. His family at home suffered frightening experiences. Bushwhackers were always hunting Mr. Lofland, would come by searching the house and grounds, grabbing and taking everything they could use, blankets, furniture for camp fires, food, sometimes eating, there, food ready for the family and throwing away the rest. As a fortunate precaution Mrs. Lofland and the older children had taken silverware, best dishes, treasured blankets, quilts and linens to the corn field and hidden them in the corn shocks.

One time Mrs. Lofland sent her 9 year old boy to bring in the cows. The enemy came by, searched the place, let the cows come home but took the boy, but did release him unharmed

the next morning. Another time Mr. Lofland slipped home to see about his family and just managed to escape discovery by climbing a tall cottonwood tree. After searching his home it was dark when the Bushwhackers came to the tree so they camped there. Mr. Lofland heard their conversation and plans, was able to get back to his headquarters and have a successful trap set for them. When the war got closer and more severe the family moved to Lawrence, Kans. and remained near there until the close of the war. While living there they saw the burning of Lawrence. When they returned to their home farm they found nothing left but the log house which was badly battered. But they thanked God that they were all together and home again, even if it meant starting all over on the farm.

In 1869 they built a new house which, through excellent care, is still standing and looks the same at over 100 years. The Loflands were a respected and helpful part of their community. When the community got back together after the war was over they invited everyone to their home Sunday afternoons for Sunday School and Bible Study. After a year or two the group organized a Baptist Church and built the New Hope Baptist Church in 1879 in the West Union School District, having preaching once a month, the pastor being the Rev. Ewing Bailey. When the old town of Peculiar was moved to its new location Mr. Lofland retired from the farm and located one block N. of the present Baptist Church in Peculiar. Soon after settling, Mr. Lofland set about getting neighbors interested in organizing a Baptist Church. They started holding services in the old Presbyterian Church that had disbanded, and 2 years later built the present Baptist Church of Peculiar which was dedicated 1908. Samuel Lofland died Mar. 3, 1913 age 80 years.

Samuel H. and America Victoria (Nordyke) Lofland had 10 children: William H.; Charles H., who died in infancy; George A.; James; Thomas; Perry; Emma (Lofland) Kelley; Rosa J. (Lofland) Mossman; Anna D. (Lofland) Foster; Fannie (Lofland) Hoffmuster. These children all attended elementary school at West Union, which at that time was a log building with board slabs that had been sawed from walnut trees. Mr. Lofland was a school board member for many years. At the present time (1973) only one representative of the Lofland family is living in Cass Co., Mo., a granddaughter, Mrs. Elsie Lofland Shores of Harrisonville.

WILLIAM H. LOFLAND

William Harrison Lofland was born July 26, 1852, near Charleston, Coles County, Illinois. He came to the Peculiar area in Cass County, Missouri in 1859 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lofland. In 1879 he married Laura Ellen Phillips. Mrs. Lofland was born September 14, 1863, near Aubrey (now Stillwell), Kansas. They were married in the home of her parents, Andrew J. and Fannie E. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofland established their home on the Lofland homestead in the West Union community, where the bridegroom was engaged in farming and where he had built a two-room house. This original structure served as their home for five years. At that time they bought a farm in the same community, seven miles due west of Peculiar, where Mr. Lofland engaged in farming and where they lived for many years. Mr. Lofland served as clerk of New Hope Baptist Church at West Union for over 40 years. He was also a member of the West Union School Board for several years.

In 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Lofland retired from the farm and moved to Peculiar. He passed away July 1, 1923. Mrs. Lofland continued to live in their home until her death March 15, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofland were the parents of four children: William Ernest, Ora Christina (Ray), Edith Isabelle (Noland) and Laura Elsie (Shores). All of their children attended school at West Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofland had seven grandchildren: Carl Lofland Ray, Ora C. Ray and Thelma Berneta Ray, children of Charley E. and Ora C. Ray; George Lee Noland, Mary Ellen Noland children of James S., and Edith J. Noland; Walter Hurchell Lofland, son of Ernest and Katie Lee Lofland; Roberta Fern Shores and Grover Cleveland Shores Jr., children of Grover C. and Elsie Shores.

CHESTER FULTON LONG

Chester Fulton Long, the only child of Oren Benton and Nettie Florence (Moon) Long, was born Sept. 5, 1902, Pretty Prairie, Kans. and married Nov. 24, 1923, Harrisonville, Mo., Lorene Alice Osburn.

Oren Benton Long was born July 21, 1872, Green Co., Ind., died July 6, 1954, married Nov. 20, 1901 Nettie Florence Moon. They moved to a farm in Allen Co., Kans., soon to one in Pawnee Co., Kans., then in Nov. 1910 to a farm about 4 miles SW of Harrisonville where they lived the rest of their lives. He had been a teacher but found he preferred farming. He was a devoted christian. Oren B. Long was the second son of Edward Long, born July 15, 1838, Green Co., Ind., died June 16, 1928 near Humbolt, Kans., buried Leanna Cemetery, and his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Winder, by whom he had 11 children. When the Civil War broke out Edward Long enlisted early as a Northern soldier and served during the entire war. Soon after his return he married his first wife, Vinna Rader, who lived but a short time. He and most of his family were farmers and members of the United Brethern Church. Edward Long was the second child of Henry Long, born Jan. 27, 1811 in the log cabin home of his parents in North Carolina and his wife, Nancy Brandon, whom he married Mar. 1836, they then locating on a farm S. of Cincinnati, Ind. where their 13 children were born. Henry Long was a farmer, Methodist, Republican and was intensely loyal to the Northern cause. He was the second son of Tobias Long, born Apr. 7, 1781, Surry Co., N.C., died Oct. 16, 1856, buried in the Hobbieville, Ind. Cemetery, who was son of Israel and Rachel (Jackson) Long.

Lorene Alice Osburn and her twin brother, Loran Arnold Osburn, born Apr. 15, 1906, were the youngest of the 4 children of Ulyssis Loran Osburn, born June 19, 1868, died Sept. 1941, and his wife, Mary Alice Arnold, born Dec. 28, 1872, died Oct. 31, 1956, who were married June 20, 1900.

Chester F. and Lorene (Osburn) Long lived on a farm for

several years. He obtained work in the County Clerk's office and was elected and served two terms as Cass Co. Clerk, is currently serving as Deputy County Clerk. They moved to Harrisonville 1955, are members of the United Methodist Church where each has served in many capacities of church work. They have 3 sons, Oren O., Curtis Milton, and Chester Fulton Long, Jr.

Oren O. Long was born Sept. 17, 1924 and married Jan. 18, 1945 Vera Belle Riggins of Marshall, Mo. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, is presently employed by the Environmental Protection Agency and works out of Kansas City, Mo. They live on a farm at Valley Falls, Kans., have 5 children: Oren O. Long Jr. born Feb. 4, 1946, married Dec. 20, 1968, Puerto Rico, Zulma Iris Pagan, lives Topeka, Kans. where he works as a salesman, has two sons Anthony Oren born June 18, 1970 and Kevin Edward, born Mar. 17, 1972; Eric Orion Long, born Nov. 13, 1949, married Sept. 5, 1971 Martha Decocs, lives Omaha, Neb. where he is manager of a chain restaurant, has daughter, Heather Ann born Feb. 10, 1972; Lisa Rhea Long born Feb. 23, 1951, lives Topeka, Kans.; Coleen Allyn Long born May 15, 1953; Kevin Lief Long born Nov. 8, 1954.

Curtis Milton Long was born Apr. 25, 1926 and married Jan. 18, 1952, Kansas City, Mo. Gloria Irene Gadwood. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. They live in St. Louis, Mo. where he works for the United Industries of Missouri, have 2 children, James Christopher Long born Dec. 3, 1958 and Kathleen Mary Long born Sept. 17, 1961.

Chester Fulton Long Jr. was born Dec. 25, 1931 and married June 5, 1951, Harrisonville, Mo. Charlsie Maxine Needs. He was serving in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War at the time of his marriage. They live on a farm near Peculiar, Mo., he works for the Cass County Bank, they have 3 daughters: Jamie Lee Long born Apr. 6, 1952, married Sept. 27, 1975 Dale Reasoner, lives Lee's Summit, Mo.; Victoria Lynn Long born May 6, 1953, married Aug. 14, 1971 Randy Jones, lives Harrisonville; Beth Ann Long born Aug. 24, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Long and sons.

DAVID S. LONG

David S. Long Ph.G., M.D. was born 1883 in Kansas City, Mo., the 5th child of David S. and Mollie (Bowman) Long who came to Kansas City shortly after the Civil War.

After completing his education, Dr. Long came to Harrisonville in 1911. In April of that year he married Bertha Louise Hare (born 1891) of Dawn, Mo. Two sons were born to them, David S. Jr. and Edwin Vaughan. Both sons lived in Kansas City and there Edwin died January 26, 1973.

Dr. Long has been active in the Masonic Lodge from 1906 when he became a member. He organized a DeMolay Chapter in Cass County and received a 50 year pin from the Masons, presented by his son David in 1950. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and served as its president. For 12 years he was a member of the Harrisonville School Board and was chairman of the building committee when the high school building was erected in 1926.

He is a member of the West Central Medical Society, the Mo. State Medical Society and the American Medical Society. He has served as a member of the staff at Research Hospital in Kansas City and the Cass County Memorial Hospital where he was Chief of Staff in 1964. He was presented a 50 year pin from the Missouri State Medical Society in 1960.

Mrs. Long was exceptionally gifted in organizational work. She was active in organizing 15 Midwestern states for the American Cancer Society and served 11 years as a volunteer for them. She was a past president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and served 18 years on the National board. She organized the Junior department for the Missouri Federation and was national chairman of the Junior department for 6 years. She was a past president of the Missouri Medical Society Auxiliary and served 6 years on the national board of that organization. She helped organize the Missouri Society for Crippled Children in the early 20's.

Dr. and Mrs. Long were active in the Christian Church, he as Chairman of the Board at one time and Mrs. Long as Director of Music. Later they became members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City. Mrs. Long was regional Chairman of the National Cathedral Association for the Episcopal Church several years.

Mrs. Long was a member of P.E.O., B.P.W.C., Progress Club and Patroness of the Mu Phi Epsilon music sorority. In 1948 for her many accomplishments, Mrs. Long was chosen Missouri Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Long died July 25, 1970 at their home at Lake Lotawana. After her death, Dr. Long moved his residence back to Harrisonville in the D.S. Long Building which he built in 1942 and where he has maintained his office since it was built.

David S. Long, Jr. married Christine Fitzwater and they are parents of 8 children — Karen, Pamela, Katherine Sue, twins, Daphne and Diane, David Stanton, Kimberly Ann and Douglas.

Edwin Vaughan Long married Mary Jordan and they were parents of Edwin Vaughan, Jr. and David S. III.

ELDRIDGE WARREN LONGWELL

Eldridge Warren Longwell was born 21 Jan. 1853, Delaware Co., O., died 15 Apr. 1930, St. Louis, Mo., married 3 Sept. 1874, Delaware, O., Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Robert and Jemima Hamilton, born 3 Aug. 1853, Wheeling, W. Va., died 29 Nov. 1928, St. Louis. Both are buried Cresent Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Mo. E. W. Longwell's father, James Longwell, son of Ezekiel and Hester Longwell, moved his family from Ky. to Delaware Co., O. where his wife Sarah and a daughter died 1868. In 1870 James Longwell and his 2 sons, E. W. and Elmore, moved to Mo., buying a 500 acre

farm 2½ miles W. of Everett, Cass Co. James Longwell lived with his son, E. W., and family, died 24 Feb. 1912, is buried Cresent Hill Cemetery, Adrian.

E. W. Longwell began teaching in and around Everett 1873, along with farming. He returned to Delaware, O. for his bride, bringing her back to the Longwell farm. In 1901 they moved to Harrisonville, where he was in the real estate business with Samuel Hoover, then in 1903 moved to Archie, Mo., where he engaged in the mercantile business, the firm of E. W. Longwell & Co., consisting of E. W., his father, James, his brother, Elmore, and his son, E. C. Longwell. In 1908 he moved to Essex, Ia., continuing in the mercantile business, but after a while returned to Archie, where he was appointed Postmaster 1915. He could tell many interesting things of his early days in Cass Co., shooting prairie chickens from the top of his father's house, his brother accidently starting a miles wide prairie fire, the troubles, activities and entertainments of settlers a century ago.

Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Longwell was the oldest of 10 children. In her early childhood the family moved to Monmouth, Warren Co., Ill. and when she was 16, to Delaware, O. At age 17 she passed the teachers examination and began teaching in Delaware Co., O.

In Dec., 1877, at a meeting in the old Everett school house conducted by J. W. Swift, District Missionary of the Butler Baptist Association, Mr. and Mrs. Longwell joined the Everett Baptist Church, moving their membership 1901 to the Harrisonville Baptist Church and 2 years later to the Archie Baptist Church. They were active in all church and associational work, he being ordained a deacon in the Everett Baptist Church 1879, serving as deacon in the Everett, Harrisonville and Archie churches, and, at the time of his death, in the Northside Baptist Church in St. Louis. He was Sunday School Superintendent and teacher at various times, and Clerk of the Butler Association for 15 years. Mrs. Longwell was also Clerk of the Butler Association for several years. Mr. Longwell was a member of the Masonic Lodge A.F.&A.M. 633, Archie, served as Collector and Justice of the Peace for Everett Township, was a Democrat, taking a keen interest in politics. They lived in Archie until Mrs. Longwell's health failed then in 1926 went to live with their daughter, Mrs. Carrie George, in St. Louis.

Eldridge Warren and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Longwell had 4 children: Charles Alpheus Longwell, born 24 June 1875, died 3 May 1956; Carrie Esther Longwell, born 20 Jan. 1879, died 16 Dec. 1963; Edith May Longwell, born 13 May 1882, died 20 July 1920; Earl Clifton Longwell, born 25 July 1884, died 3 Dec. 1935.

HARVE E. LOVELAND

Was born March 22, 1881 in Bates County, Missouri southeast of Drexel to George Loveland and Sophronia Knapp Loveland. George was a son of James Loveland (August 12, 1812-March 13, 1894) and Isabell Ramsey Loveland (November 21, 1822-July 10, 1919) Freeman, Missouri. When Harve was 16, scarlet fever took the lives of a brother, a sister and then his mother. Their paternal grandmother then cared for Harve, his sister Elma May (Loveland) Powell Mitchell (1885-1971) and brother Frank Loveland (died 1925). Harve attended Woodland rural school where he received all of his schooling. At the age of 20, he joined the Christian Church at Merwin, Missouri.

On February 15, 1905, he was united in marriage with La Vada Bell Hunziker. To this union were born six children; Sidney, who died in infancy, Fred Loveland, Drexel; Wesley Loveland, Kansas City; Pauline Loveland Bourland, Freeman; Hazel Loveland Anderson, Harrisonville and Thelma Loveland Westhoff, Drexel, Mo.

He spent his entire life in the vicinity of his birth except for a few years he farmed near Louisburg, Kansas.

In 1955, they celebrated their golden anniversary and shortly thereafter Mr. Loveland retired from farming and moved into Drexel.

Harve had a special love for music and always looked forward to playing his French harp on John Deere Day in Drexel and Old Settlers Day in Butler. He died December 7, 1968. Interment was in Sharon Cemetery, Drexel, Mo. Descendants are: A. Sidney Lester Loveland born Oct. 30, 1906, died a week later. B. Fred L. Loveland born Nov. 29, 1907. Married Rosalie Burch Oct. 26, 1948, divorced. Children: Earl Harve Loveland, born Aug. 1949 died in infancy; Joyce Elizabeth Loveland, born Oct. 27, 1950, married Robert Todd Drexel, two children: Robert, Jr. and Tamara Dawn; Judy Lynne Loveland, died at birth, 1952; Freda Ann Loveland, born Feb. 11, 1953, married Phillip Ray Beck, Buckner, Missouri; Lynn Edgar Loveland, born July 4, 1955, Drexel; Rose Maxine Loveland, born March 11, 1956, Wabloo, Mo.; Alice Juanita and Fred Lynn (twins), born Nov. 29, 1957, Kansas City, Mo.; Sharon Irene Loveland, born July 2, 1959, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Larry Lee Loveland, born Dec. 7, 1961, Harrisonville, Mo.; C. Pauline Elma Loveland, born Oct. 29, 1909, married Fraizer McMeins, later divorced and married Ray Bourland, March 17, 1967, Freeman. Children: Richard McMeins, Dec. 25, 1930, married Illa Fay Gregory. Three children: Gregory Richard, born Nov. 11, 1952; Becky Fay born Dec. 2, 1956 and Chad born July 17, 1958; Stillborn, Penny McMeins; Dec. 27, 1950. Step-daughter, Shirley Bourland married Jack Hutson, Harrisonville, two children, Shannon, March 9, 1955 and Shawna Oct. 1958. Step-son, Gerald Wayne Bourland married Charlene Gentile Freeman; two daughters, Lori Lynne, Oct. 7, 1963 and Tracy Ann, March 14, 1966. D. Hazel Irene Loveland born Nov. 13, 1911 married Lesley Earl Anderson Aug. 26, 1933, Harrisonville. Children are: Marilyn Irene Anderson, born May 14, 1934, married Charles Roy Moreland, born September 4, 1933 on July 21, 1957. Children are Jay Calvin, June 6, 1958; Brenda Kay, March 22, 1960; Michael Ray Jan. 3, 1962 and Sherri Irene Jan. 4, 1967. Kendall Earl Anderson born Feb. 10, 1936 married Beverley Jean Murdock, born May 13, 1938, on Aug. 11, 1957. Children are Bradley Mark, March 21, 1959 and Lori Lynn, Oct. 3, 1963. Donald Edgar Anderson, born Sept. 22, 1941, married Betty Jean Sparks, born Feb. 24, 1942, on June 16th 1963. Sons are Donald Ray, Nov. 21, 1966 and Leslie Harold, Dec. 19, 1967. Gary Clifford Anderson born, Oct. 2, 1951. E. Thelma Isabelle Loveland, born Dec. 11, 1915, married Harley Frederick Westhoff, born Oct. 30, 1912 on Nov. 12, 1932, Drexel, Mo. Children are: Deloris Westhoff, born Dec. 18, 1933, married Gilbert Garland, Kansas City on February 26, 1955, divorced. Three sons: Kenneth Joe born Dec. 8, 1956, Steven Ray.

August 27, 1961 and Ricky Duane, December 29, 1962. Mary Lee Westhoff, born Oct. 25, 1936, married Terry Smith, Kansas City, Mo. on June 27, 1959, divorced, daughter, Angela Marie Smith, born July 10, 1965. La Veda May Westhoff, born May 1, 1941, married Larry Mathias, Niangua, Mo. (Died Dec. 25, 1968); daughter Tina, born Sept. 17, 1968. Adopted Donna Jean Westhoff, born Aug. 4, 1950, married Charles Lovgren Nov. 14, 1970. Adopted Brian Fredrick, born August 3, 1969. F. Wesley Emile Loveland, born May 10, 1917, married Enid Ritter. Divorced. Children: Carolyn Loveland, married George Leck, Kansas City. Children are Wesley Leck and Sonya Leck. Larmon Loveland and wife, Faye have two children: Jo Ella and Wesley.

SAMUEL V-NOY LYNN

Samuel V-noy Lynn and Tishey Tival Coffey were married Sept. 15, 1901, Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn. Samuel, born Nov. 7, 1875, was the third of 9 children of Thomas and Julian Lynn. The family lived in a two-story house on Clinch Mountain near Rutledge, Grainger Co., Tenn. Samuel went to county schools and received a good education, becoming a slender, medium size man with dark hair and blue eyes. His ancestors were from Ireland. Tishey, born Sept. 18, 1883, lived on the other side of Clinch Mountain, Hancock Co., Tenn. She, related to the Dalton family, had a sister, 2 brothers, and 3 half-sisters, her mother having died when Tishey was age 4 and her father married again. She became a small, slender lady with dark hair and blue eyes. To help earn a living she went to Grainger Co. cleaning houses.

After Samuel and Tishey married they traveled by train to Seymour, Mo., lived there 11 years then moved to Harrisonville 1914. They had 12 children: Myrle born July 7, 1902; Martha born June 6, 1904, died at birth; Grace born Aug. 28, 1905; Pearl born Nov. 16, 1907, died Aug. 27, 1924; Verna born Mar. 24, 1910; Ida born July 12, 1912; Emily born Apr. 8, 1914; Ernest born Apr. 24, 1916; Opal born Jan. 13, 1919; Velma born Nov. 23, 1921; Samuel born May 6, 1924; Cecil born Mar. 27, 1926.

Samuel was a farmer, and a loyal member of Grand River Baptist Church located SW of Harrisonville. He died May 8, 1959 at his home SW of Harrisonville, at which time he had 29 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Tishey died July 25, 1973 age 90, at which time she had 29 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren, and 12 great, great grandchildren.

Cecil Lynn worked with his father on the farm and received an eighth grade education at Bell Plain School. On May 17, 1944, age 18, he was drafted into the Navy, served 2 years and returned home. He worked at a gas station in Harrisonville and worked a bulldozer eight months then worked a year at Butler Manufacture Co. in Kansas City. He worked 8 years with the Ford Tractor Co. in Harrisonville then became a mechanic at Jack Cooper Transport Co. in Kansas City. He married Sept. 7, 1946 Betty Byard. They lived in Harrisonville 11 years, moving to Pleasant Hill, Mo. 1958. They had 4 children: Gary, born Jan. 28, 1947; Jack, born Oct. 22, 1948; Marcia, born July 2, 1952; Donald, born Sept. 2, 1953.

Gary Lynn graduated at Pleasant Hill 1965, attended Warrensburg College 4 years, and joined the Air Force Jan. 1970. He became a Captain April, 1976, is now stationed at Wichita, Kans. Jack Lynn graduated at Pleasant Hill 1967, married Oct. 7, 1968, Pleasant Hill, Kaye Shue, and has 2 children, Jacqueline Gayle Lynn born Sept. 23, 1970 and Brian Scott Lynn born July 16, 1973. Marcia Lynn graduated at Pleasant Hill 1970, married Nov. 8, 1969, at the Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill, Larry Ford and has 2 children, Stacey Lynn Ford, born Apr. 25, 1970 and Eric Steven Ford, born Nov. 16, 1973. Donald Lynn graduated at Pleasant Hill 1971, married Dec. 9, 1972, at the Baptist Church, Strasburg, Mo., Ona Greene and has one child Paula Marie Lynn born July 11, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lynn.

WILLIAM LYON

William Lyon was born 1775 to 1780 in Va., died 5 Sept. 1841, Van Buren Co., Mo. He married 27 Sept. 1802, Amherst Co., Va., Milly McAlexander, born ca1786, Va., died before 31 Jan. 1848, Van Buren Co., daughter of John and Agnes (Nancy) (Burnett) McAlexander. They lived in Patrick Co., Va. until sometime after Oct., 1832. The Lyon son-in-law, Fleming Harris, had moved with his father's family from Patrick Co., Va. to Jackson Co., Mo. late 1830 or 1831, the Lyon son-in-law, Samuel Sharp, moved from Patrick Co., Va. to Van Buren Co., Mo. 1834 or 1835, the Lyon son, John, is said to have gone from Patrick Co., Va. to Lafayette Co., Mo. 1832, then moved to Van Buren Co., the Lyon son-in-law, Alfred M. Shelton, is said to have moved to Jackson Co., Mo. 1831 or 1832 then after about 3 years to Van Buren Co. But by, or some before, 1835 William and Milly Lyon and their children were settling in Van Buren Co., William Lyon on land about 5 miles NW of Harrisonville in now Peculiar Twp., his land when he died being 320 acres in Secs. 17 and 18, Twp. 45, R. 31, his sons and sons-in-law being in the same area.

William Lyon was appointed the first Clerk of the Court of Van Buren Co. 14 Sept. 1835, and first Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county 7 Dec. 1835.

The children of William and Milly (McAlexander) Lyon were: (1) Nancy Walker Lyon, 1803-1864, married Fleming Harris. (2) John Lyon, born ca1806, Amherst or Patrick Co., Va., died 8 Apr. 1848, Van Buren Co., Mo., married 16 Dec. 1830, Patrick Co., Va., Sarah F. Philpott. (3) Frances T. Lyon, born ca1808, Patrick Co., Va., married 19 Mar. 1828, Patrick Co., Va., Samuel Sharp, who died between 25 Jan. and 12 Feb. 1849. Coming from Patrick Co., Va. to Van Buren Co. around 1834-1835, he settled in Sec. 20, Twp. 45, R. 31 of now Peculiar Twp. There, undoubtedly with the help of his father-

in-law, brothers-in-law, and other neighbors, he built the log cabin now known as the Sharp-Hopper cabin which was given by the farm owners, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carter, to the Cass Co. Historical Society in 1974 and which has been moved from its original location to the grounds of the Cass Co. Historical Society in Harrisonville, and which is the focal point of an annual Log Cabin Festival. (4) Permelia C. Lyon born ca1810, Patrick Co., Va., married (in Va. by tradition) Alfred M. Shelton, 1805-1876. They moved from Cass Co. to Bates Co. 1856, went to Madison Co., Ill. 1863, to Macon Co., Ill. a year later, returned to Bates Co. 1865 where he is buried in Johnstown Cemetery. (5) Sarah Ann Lyon born ca1812, Patrick Co., Va., married 1 Feb. 1835, Jackson Co., Mo., Richard Sneed, 1807-1890. In 1846 the Sneeds, some Lyons, Pattons and others formed an overland emigrant train for California. There the Sneeds settled in Sonoma, Sonoma Co. where they died and are buried in Sonoma Valley Cemetery. (6) a daughter who died an infant in Patrick Co., Va. (7) James Jackson Lyon born 19 Jan. 1820, Patrick Co., Va., died 8 Nov. 1865, San Francisco, Calif., had wife Sarah Ann whom he married in Calif. after 1850 who died 8 Dec. 1862. He went to Sonoma, Calif. 1846 where he and his wife are buried Sonoma Valley Cemetery. (8) Albert Gallatin Lyon born 8 Feb. 1822, Patrick Co., Va., died 1 Mar. 1879, Sonoma, Calif., married 14 July 1842, Jackson Co., Mo., Prudence Patton, 1824-1897, died Vacaville, Solano Co., Calif. They went to Calif. 1846, spent a year in Solano Co. then settled in Sonoma Co. (9) Louise D. Lyon born ca1824, Patrick Co., Va., married first 20 Oct. 1842, Van Buren Co., Andrew G. Patton (a brother of Prudence Patton); married second 30 Mar. 1848, Van Buren Co., Joseph Beets Jr. (10) Henry Lee Lyon born ca1826, Patrick Co., Va., died assumedly in Kans., married first 2 Sept. 1845, Van Buren Co., Mary Ann Tuggle; married second, 17 Dec. 1856, Cass Co., Margaret Williams, he then being of Kansas Territory. He had a third wife Sarah A. (possibly a widow Cottman whose maiden name had been Wagoner). By 1870 he and his third wife and family were living near Spring Hill, Miami Co., Kans.

WILLIAM THORNTON LYONS

William Thornton Lyons was born in Fairfax Co., Virginia in 1843. He entered the Confederate Army in Virginia at 18 years of age. Mr. Lyons was a man of firm purpose, strong in his convictions, fair, and honorable in all his dealings. He came west in 1866, married in Lexington, Mo. to Mary Ann Paxton of Saline County Missouri. Shortly after, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons located near Pleasant Hill on the Duncan Branch, part of the L. C. Smith farm. A few years later he purchased 80 acres 2 and one-fourth miles northeast of Strasburg. He consistently increased his holdings until at the time of his death, he was owner of 940 acres, 300 of which were in Texas, 80 in Kansas the balance in Bates and Cass Counties. Mr. Lyons followed the vocation of stock-raising on an extensive scale and also operated a saw mill. Mr. Lyons died Dec. 16, 1907 in Ottawa, Kansas and is buried there. Mrs. Lyons died in Aug. 1921 and is buried in Strasburg.

William T. and Mary Ann (Paxton) Lyons were the parents

The William Thornton Lyons Family.

of three children, William H., John Arch, and Charles Minor.

William H. Lyons was born Feb. 17, 1871 and married Pearl Carey of Strasburg. They were the parents of eight children, Ruby, Jesse, Vera, Hazel, Acie, Letha, Eula, and Charles. Both William H. and Pearl (Carey) Lyons are buried in Ottawa, Kansas.

John Arch Lyons was born Feb. 14, 1881 at Strasburg, Mo. He married Mildred Clawson in 1906. They were the parents of one son Robert Rochelle. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lyons are both buried in Strasburg.

Robert Rochelle Lyons son of John A. and Mildred Lyons married Thelma Wilburn of Cass County. They are the parents of two children, Robert E. and Glenda Clorine. Robert R. Lyons married Maryland Reed of Pleasant Hill and are the parents of two daughters, Cheryl and Linda. Glenda Clorine Lyons married Eldon Gene Hoots of South Dakota where they reside, and are the parents of four children, Merle Gene, Gary Allen, Glenn Stephen, and Diana Kay.

Charles Minor Lyons son of William T. Lyons was born Jan. 7, 1883 at Strasburg. He married Lena Sanders of Skaggs, Mo. on March 4, 1903. They began their home on part of the original Lyons land northeast of Strasburg. Charles Minor was born, raised and died on the same farm. He was a successful farmer and stockman. Mrs. Lyons preceded her husband in death in a tragic accident when her car was struck by a Missouri Pacific train as she was returning home from Strasburg on July 4, 1933. They were the parents of three children, Grace Adeline, Ralph Edwin, and Gertrude Bess. Mr. Lyons died at the farm in Nov. 1948. Both he and Mrs. Lyons (Lena Sanders) are buried at Strasburg.

Grace A. Lyons married Fred Raymond Snyder of Otterville, Mo. They were the parents of two children, Raymond Harlan, and Wanda June. Raymond married Amy Lou Kelly of East Lynne and they are the parents of two children, Kelly Ann and Jeffrey Raymond. Wanda June married John Blocher, of Kansas City. They are the parents of three children, William, Rita, and Gail.

Ralph E. Lyons married Pearl Maloney, of Holden. They are the parents of two daughters, Wilma Darlene and Besselea. Wilma married Merlin Shimel of Strasburg, they are the parents of three children, Charles Merlin, Cecelia, and Carolyn. Charles Merlin married Susan Alexander of Pleasant Hill and are the parents of one son, Charles David. Besselea married George Gudde of Holden, they are the parents of two children, Benjamin and Rebecca.

Bess Lyons married Laurence Phillips, of Pleasant Hill.

They are the parents of two children, Lena Beverly, and David Laurence. Beverly married Floyd Alvin Bunch of Rocky Mount, Mo. They are the parents of two children, Brenda and Bryce Floyd. David married Susan Gaylord of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. they are the parents of one son Robert David.

SAMUEL LEE MARQUETTE

Samuel Lee Marquette, son of Richard H. and Willie Ann Marquette, was born Dec. 19, 1889, Monroe Co., Mo;, the great-grandson of R. H. Marquette, born 1800, a southern sympathizer who was executed by Jay Hawkers at his home in Hamilton in full view of his family.

Lee Marquette moved with his family to Lee's Summit, Mo., 1895. In his senior year in high school he quit his studies and went to work for the J. C. Jones Lumber Co. He progressed rapidly and in 1911 became an assistant in the company yard in Pleasant Hill. In 1913 he moved to Harrisonville as the yard manager and remained there until his death Aug. 19, 1946. Ten months after his arrival in Harrisonville he was married, in the Rosedale Church, Jackson Co., Mo., to Alice Marie Smith, daughter of William Franklin and Fannie Ware Smith of Lee's Summit. The couple moved to a home at 403 W. Mechanic St., Harrisonville, where they lived the rest of their lives and where their son William Richard (Dub) Marquette was born May 21, 1915.

Lee Marquette was one of the city's outstanding citizens, working diligently for all progress in the community. He and his wife were active members of the Baptist Church, he serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Marquette served in the beginners' department for 25 years. He was a charter member, 1923, of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club and its president in 1930. In 1938 he was appointed a member of the Harrisonville Board of Public Works, serving as its chairman. During World War II he was a member of the Cass Co. Rationing Board. In the late 1920's Lee Marquette, Fred J. Thomas and Joseph Gwathmey reorganized the scout program. In 1932 Mr. Marquette was appointed commissioner for District 4 of the Covered Wagon Area. He served as Scoutmaster from 1923 to 1940. In Dec. 1940 he was awarded the Silver Beaver by the National Scouting Association. In 1931 his son W. R. (Dub) became an Eagle Scout and his father was made an honorary Eagle.

W. R. (Dub) Marquette attended Harrisonville public schools, graduating in 1933, then William Jewell College where he graduated in 1937. He was employed by the Crown Coach Co. until his enlistment in the U.S. Naval Corps 1941, where he served as an officer and fighter pilot until his release in 1945. During the Korean War he reenlisted in the U.S. Navy as a reserve officer, returning as a Commander after 22 years service. While serving as an instructor in Corpus Christi, Tex., he met Birdelle Henderson, a native of Union Parish, Junction City, La. who had lived in Harlingen, Tex. since an early age, daughter of Thomas Alfred and Ada (Denton) Henderson, the former born Oct. 30, 1872 and his wife born Nov. 22, 1872. W. R. Marquette and Birdelle Henderson were married July 23, 1943. Mrs. Marquette came to Harrisonville 1944, living in the family home until her husband returned from active duty, to become a merchant of Harrisonville where he has been active in community affairs. He has served as president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club, president of the American Legion Post, a member of V.F.W. and the Harrisonville School Board. Mrs. Marquette has taken part in many local clubs, served as a Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, president of P.E.O., Delvers M.F.W.C., and the American Legion Auxiliary. At present she is serving on the Square Center Restoration Committee. The family have been active members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Harrisonville.

W. R. and Birdelle Marquette had one daughter, Melanie, born Oct. 31, 1944. She graduated from the local schools in 1961, attended the University of Mo., Columbia, Mo., Madrid University, Madrid, Spain, and graduated from William Jewell College 1966. In Feb. 1969 she married John Gentry Burgess of Archie, Mo. They have a son, John William Burgess, born Dec. 25, 1972. They live in Leawood, Kans.

THOMAS BRENT MATTHEWS

The Matthews family has been associated with Cass County since the 1870's. At that time John Simmons Matthews, a union veteran of the Civil War, settled on a farm near West Union. Mr. Matthews was born in Morgan County, Indiana but came to Cass County from Illinois where he met and married Annie Haukenberry. In the 1880 census the family lists three children: Laura, aged 12; Thomas Brent, aged 10; and Tod, aged 3.

Mr. Matthews contracted pneumonia early in 1887 while on a trip to Blue Springs to visit relatives and died there on February 5th and is buried in the Blue Springs cemetery.

The family continued to live at West Union until 1896 when Thomas Brent married Stella Miller on March 4, 1896 at Harrisonville. They purchased a farm two and one half miles northeast of Raymore where they resided the rest of their lives. His older sister, Laura, married Elisha Winkler and settled on an adjoining farm.

Brent and Stella Matthews had five children. Herman, the eldest, married Aillene Craig, of Raymore. Herman died in Leesburg, Florida January 23, 1971 and is buried there. His wife and son, Harold, still live in Leesburg.

Josie married Jamie Barron, son of J. Newell Barron, and had four children. She now resided in Junction City, Kansas.

John S., named for his grandfather, married Gladys McLean of Columbia and has two children. He and his wife now live in Springfield, Missouri.

Mary married Ray Wiest and had five children. She passed away April 22, 1970 and is buried in the family plot in the Raymore cemetery.

William Brent married Fern Hart of Warsaw and had four children. He and his wife reside in Salem, Illinois where he taught high school vocational subjects for forty-one years.

Brent and Stella Matthews were community leaders of their area. Stella was called in to care for anyone seriously ill in the community. Mr. Matthews was on the school board for the rural one-room school of the Centerview District for several years. While on this board, he helped start the consolidation

of Centerview and three other rural schools adjoining the Raymore District. After the consolidation, Raymore became a four-year high school and went on to become a grade A rated district. Mr. Matthews was elected a member of the consolidated district board and served until his children were out of school. Incidentally, the Raymore Consolidated School District was one of the first such districts in the state of Missouri.

Mr. Matthews also served as Road Commissioner for Raymore Township and helped make that township one of the first in the county to apply road oil to all dirt roads in the township.

Both he and his wife were active in local politics, serving as Township and County Committeeman and Committeewoman. He was a member of the Modern Woodman Lodge and Mrs. Matthews a member of the Royal Neighbors Lodge. Both were active members of the Christian Church.

Mrs. Matthews passed away December 10, 1933 and Mr. Matthews passed away November 6, 1947 and was escorted to his grave by his six grandsons. Both are buried in the family plot in the Raymore cemetery.

CHARLES LEE MAY

Charles Lee May, son of Samuel Alexander and Laura Viola May, was born January 10, 1878, in Miami County, Kansas. His parents lived on a rented farm. Shortly after his birth, his parents moved to Cass County in Missouri where he spent his childhood.

He attended a private school at Sharon Church. When the public school at Prairie View was opened, he attended school there, and later he went to Drexel High School.

When he was eighteen, he went to St. Louis and underwent an operation for hernia. He spent six weeks in the hospital in St. Louis and wrote to his parents to keep them informed.

In the year 1900, at the age of twenty-two, he went to Montana where he worked in the gold mines, shoveling and drilling ore. After a year of working in the damp mines, he returned to Missouri and married Anna Florence Beam, who had worked in his parents' home. They were married near Butler, Missouri on June 13, 1901.

They moved to Troy, Kansas and Charlie went to work for the Baker products company. He sold Baker products in Brown and Doniphan counties. From his huckster wagon he sold spices, medicines, and cooking supplies. Since there were no hotels in the country then, he usually spent the night at the last country house he visited. He paid the people for his bed, meals, and hay for his horse.

When they returned to Cass County, Missouri, he farmed with his father for a year, then rented a farm near Adrian, Missouri. He then bought 80 acres of land. He later sold that land and bought 80 acres adjoining his father's farm. In 1952, the house was 70 years old.

At the age of 72, he traveled to Wilmington, California to visit his son, Elza, and other relatives in California. He made another trip to California in January of 1955 and celebrated his 77th birthday with his son.

Charlie May enjoyed good health most of his life, although in 1905 he was critically ill with typhoid and pneumonia.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER MAY

Samuel Alexander May, son of William and Christina May, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, February 8, 1843. His childhood was spent on his parent's farm in the western section of Virginia, near McGaheysville.

He joined the Confederate Army in the 10 Virginia Infantry Company E and was at Gettysburg. Sam May was taken prisoner and he recorded his experiences, "Went in June or July, 1861, 10 Virginia Infantry, Company E. Was captured first day of October, 1864, exchanged in spring, 1865. Prisoner 6 months in Point Lookout, Maryland." Conditions in the prisoner of war camp were quite bad. Sanitation measures did not exist, there was no protection from the cold, pine needles served as a bed, and the prisoners nearly starved, having little but moldy bread to eat. He returned to home near McGaheysville after the war. He decided to go West where the new country was being settled. He never regretted his decision to go West. Sam May often spoke of his brother, Martin Luther May, who was lost at sea during the war. Apparently this brother did not return to Virginia after the war was over; however, he did not die in the war and later married and raised a family. Sam never knew that his brother lived.

Sam May was 33 years old when he arrived at Paola, Kansas in the fall of 1875. He had nothing but the clothes he wore and eight dollars. He plowed with a horse-drawn walking plow and worked from sunup until sundown for fifty cents a day. Since he had but one pair of shoes, he worked in his bare feet. It was here that he met Laura Viola (Ola) Harper, daughter of William and Sarah Harper, the hired girl; when she was homesick to see her parents, it became his job to take her to Cass Co., Missouri to see her family. They were married at Paola, Kansas on October 15, 1876.

Sam May first rented a farm in Miami County, Kansas. They were living in Miami County when Charles Lee May was born in January of 1878, but he had bought eighty acres of unimproved prairie land for $8. per acre in Cass County, Missouri. An old gray horse made the down payment on this land, and the next payment was made by selling some cattle. They brought 2½ cents a pound. He then plowed 69 acres of the prairie sod with a horse and walking plow, planted corn, and cultivated it with a walking cultivator. A second son, Harry May, was born Oct. 6, 1879, died Apr. 18, 1881.

In 1888 he took his wife and son back to Virginia to visit friends and relatives. They went by train and spent three months there. In 1900 Sam May again went to Virginia and brought his mother back to Missouri to live with him until her death in 1902. Later Sam and Ola May went to California to visit Hazel McNeil, daughter of Ola's sister Fidelia, whom they had raised until she was eighteen years old.

Sam May was an excellent gardener and raised all sorts of fruits, berries and vegetables. He owned one of the first automobiles in the community, but he did not learn to drive. His granddaughter, Eunice May, drove his car for him.

In 1904 the original house was rebuilt. The new house had eight large rooms, with a wing of the old house as a kitchen. The house cost $1,000. and was considered to be one of the

finest in the country. Sam May was a member and a stockholder of Drexel's first bank, the Interstate Bank.

He became a Christian at the age of thirty, and later became a charter member of the Prairie View Baptist Church near Drexel. He had been under a doctor's care for heart and stomach trouble for several years before his death. One evening a storm came up and he said, "Mother, we had better go to the cellar." She thought it was not necessary, but as the weather grew more threatening she consented, and they hurried to the cellar where Sam May sat on a chair while Ola fastened the cellar door that was blowing back and forth. When she returned she found that he had died of a heart attack. He died September 4, 1921 and was buried at Sharon Cemetery, near Drexel, as was Ola May who died April 9, 1923.

WILLIAM ISAAC MEADOR

Thomas Meador came to Jamestown, Virginia from England in 1630. His descendants settled in Tennessee. In 1838, William Ira Meador came to Missouri with his family. He was six years old, and walked behind the covered wagon most of the way.

In 1854 he married Margaret Sanders. They lived north of Oak Grove, Missouri. They were parents of six children: Eudora Ann, John Dennis, William Isaac, Thomas Marion, Laura Dallas and Henry Euing.

William Isaac Meador and Sarah Ellen Barr of Belton, Missouri were married on March 3, 1886 and soon after their marriage, settled on a farm north of town, where they lived until their deaths, he in 1935, and she in 1937. Their farm home was where Crest Thriftway Store is now.

They were the parents of nine children: Ida, who died in infancy; William Roy; Berry Barr; Clarence Dennis; Chester Ray and Sarah Marguerite, all deceased; Mazie Leone McKee, Grandview, Missouri; Harry Dallas, Belton and Herbert Isaac, Grove, Oklahoma.

William Roy and his wife Minnie (Wilson) deceased, had two children; Marjorie Lee Schultz, deceased, and Sara Margaret Rothfuss. Sara Margaret and her husband, Kreige Rothfuss, live in Albany, Oregon. She has a son, Richard Bamford, by a former marriage. Richard and his wife live in Medford, Oregon, and they have a son, Matthew.

Berry Barr and his wife Edith (Hostetter) Bumgardner had one son, Robert William (Bob), Belton. Bob and his wife, Nadene (Silvain), have two children: Robert Berry and Theresa Ann Webber. Robert Berry and his wife, Peggy, live in Belton. Robert has two children: Roberta Sue and Douglas Robert by a former marriage. Theresa Ann and her husband, Don Webber, live in Belton, Mo.

Clarence Dennis and his wife, Minnie (McAnich), had two sons: William Harry (Bill) and George D. Bill and his wife, Bobbye (Eagle), live in Pittsburgh, Pa. They have three daughters: Gail Jean, Susan Gwenn and Sara Ann. George D. and his wife, Betty (Brown), live in Del City, Oklahoma. They have one son, Dennis Ray.

Chester Ray and his wife, Marie (Dodson), had three children: Chester Lee, Irma Dean Barker and James Gilbert. Chester Lee and his wife, Mae (Fitch), live in Columbia, Missouri. They have three daughters: Sandra Lee Seacord, Diana Sue Trueblood and Deborah Kay. Sandra and her husband, Ron Seacord, Kenosha, Wisc., have a daughter, Stacey Lynn. Irma Dean and her husband, Bob Barker, live in Excelsior Springs, Mo. They have three children: David Gilbert, Jo Dennean Wallace and Richard Lee. James Gilbert and his wife, Nancy (Pyles), live in Seattle, Washington. James has two daughters, Amy Lynn and Janice Kay by a former marriage.

Mazie Leone and her husband, Russell McKee, live in Grandview, Mo.

Harry Dallas and his wife, Marjorie (Bentley), have three children: Nellie Leone Miller, Sara Ellen Tracy and H. Dallas Meador, Jr. Nellie and her husband, Robert E. Miller, Ft. Worth, Texas have three daughters: Suzanne Elaine Koestner, Cynthia Ruth and Sara Beth. Ellen and her husband, Dr. Terry A. Tracy, Wichita, Kansas have three children: Allison Rene, Barbara Jill and Kent Allen. H. Dallas, Jr. and his wife, Wanda (McCandless), Oklahoma City, Okla. have two sons: Sean Dominic and Eric Donovan.

Herbert Isaac married Gladys (Stowers). She died January 6, 1976. Herbert lives in Grove, Oklahoma.

Sara Marguerite and her husband, T. A. Archer, lived in Turley, Oklahoma until her death in April, 1976.

Over a period of 72 years there has been a member of the Meador family attending the Belton schools. Beginning with William Roy Meador, who enrolled in the Belton High School from the Baldwin Country School north of town in September, 1904, the next in line were his brothers and sisters, Berry, Clarence, Chester, Mazie, Harry, Herbert and Marguerite. In the next generation there was Marjorie Lee, Chester Lee, Sara Margaret, Robert William, Nellie, Irma Dean, Sara Ellen, James Gilbert and Harry Dallas, Jr. In the third generation there was Robert Berry and Theresa Ann. With Roberta Sue and Douglas Robert's enrollment, began the fourth generation, making 21 members who have attended Belton Schools.

The Meador Home in Belton on North Scott Street.

D. W. MERICLE

D. W. Mericle was born in Webb City, Mo., December 9, 1886. Pearl Mericle was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, May 30, 1890.

Each with their parents made the land run in Oklahoma, traveling in covered wagons, where their parents homesteaded

near Yukon. Here they grew into young manhood and womanhood and were united in marriage in El Reno, Oklahoma on December 22, 1906.

In 1918 they came to Missouri settling on a farm northeast of Raymore. In 1923 they moved their family into Raymore where D. W. started a trucking business which he ran until 1940. From 1929 until 1941 he furnished school busses for the Raymore School District. The School District then purchased their own busses and D. W. continued driving for them during which time he became the school custodian.

Later, moving to Raytown, Mo., he became a custodian of the Raytown Christian Church until his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Mericle were the parents of five children who were reared and educated at Raymore.

The Mericles are members of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Raymore and are now residing in Greenwood, Mo.

SAMUEL ALBERT MEYER

Samuel Albert Meyer was the oldest son of Gebhardt Henry Meyer (whose family name was originally Meier) and Elizabeth Jane (Bretz) Meyer. Both parents grew up in Huntington, Indiana and moved to East Lynne, Mo. shortly after their marriage. Besides Sam, their children were George, William, Harry and Minnie. Four other children died in infancy.

Sam went to Indiana while a very young man and learned the printing trade. After returning to Missouri, he lived in Pleasant Hill and worked for Edgar R. Idol, who edited a newspaper there. Later he moved to Harrisonville and again worked for Idol who was now editor of the Cass County Democrat. Sam was employed as foreman for forty years at the Democrat.

Sam, at the age of 24, married Effie Agnes Norris in Harrisonville, Mo., Jan. 26, 1907. She was the daughter of James Andrew Jackson Norris and Eliza Jane (Terry) Norris of Clinton, Mo. Sam and Effie were the parents of six children. The first, Albert Earl, died in infancy. Their other children are Mildred Marie, who married Frank J. Taylor, Belton, Mo. They had five children and later moved to Waynesville, Mo. Their children are Jessiemarie Threlkeld, June Kirkland, Rosemary Kremer, Waynesville, Mo., Judy Garrett, Muskogee, Oklahoma and F. J. Taylor II, Scottsdale, Ariz. Vivian Lucille resides in Harrisonville. Opal Alice married Ralph O. Groh, Peculiar, Mo. Their children are Bettie Sue Tanquary, Grandview, Mo. and Connie Harris, Peculiar, Mo. Samuel Albert Meyer II married Norma Hinderks, Stewartsville, Mo. Their children are Samuel Albert Meyer III and Margo Meyer, Oakland, Calif. Lois Maxine married Bill Stevick. Her children are Joy Warner, Laurel, Maryland; Meyra Stephens, Harrisonville, Mo.; Cheri Hayes, Pleasant Hill and Fran Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.

Sam and Effie's entire life together was spent in Harrisonville, where they were active members of the Methodist Church. Sam died June 8, 1953. Effie is still living at 401 West Mechanic, Harrisonville, Mo.

BILLY L. MILLER

Billy Lee Miller was born in Golden, Colorado. He spent most of his childhood in Mercer, Missouri, moving at the age of thirteen, with his mother, Minnie Miller, to Thayer, Missouri. He served three years with the Medical Corps in World War II.

On September 21, 1945, at Independence, Missouri, Billy Lee Miller was married to Dorothy Trobaugh of Thayer, Missouri (then residing in Kansas City).

They lived in Kansas City until June, 1960, when, with their two sons, Randall Lee, age almost twelve, and Paul Ray, age almost eight, they moved to the farm they had purchased near Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Mr. Miller has been a construction superintendent with the J. E. Dunn Construction Company of Kansas City since 1952. He is presently supervising the construction of the new St. Joseph Hospital at I-435 and State Line in Kansas City.

Randall and Paul Miller attended schools at Pleasant Hill and Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, where Randy majored in Power Technology, and Paul majored in Construction. At present they are operating the farm near Pleasant Hill.

On October 3, 1969, Randall Lee Miller was married to Bettie Inez Lyness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lyness of Pleasant Hill. They are parents of a son, Aaron Lee, born July 18, 1974.

On October 21, 1972, Paul Ray Miller was married to Carla Marie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Curtis of Pleasant Hill. They have two sons, Jason Paul, born September 4, 1973, and Kyle Ray, born February 16, 1976.

DAVID MILLER

David Miller, a stockman and farmer, came from Tama County, Iowa, in 1902 and bought a 450 acre farm from Pat Murphy north of West Union, Mo.

He brought with him a daughter, Carrie Kenyon, a son, Joseph L., grandson, William R., and granddaughter, Myrtle. David Miller died in 1908. Joseph L. and son, William R., were farmers and carpenters. Joseph died in 1937 at the age of 86.

William R. was married to Lula Sutton of Louisburg, Kansas, June, 1908 and continued living on the farm for 52 years. In 1960, they sold the remaining 90 acres and retired in Peculiar, Mo. Lula died in 1967. William died the following year at the age of 88. They were the parents of six children. Helen and Swanee died in 1929 and 1935. The youngest son, Paul Vernon, was killed in action over France during World War II. Surviving children are Virginia Boeger, Phoenix, Arizona, and Josephine LaValle, of Wisconsin. Also, David Miller, a farmer, living six miles west of Harrisonville on the farm where Rock Ford School was located.

David was married to Mildred Schulz, November, 1938. They are the parents of two sons: Glen Alan Miller, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is a computer analyst for American Airlines and Gerald Paul, of Peculiar, who is a mechanical engineer for Bendix, Corp. in Kansas City. Glen Alan married Judy

Humphrey, of Harrisonville, June, 1962, and to this union was born a son, Kevin David, and a daughter, Carol. Gerald Paul and Gwendolyn Welborn, of Peculiar, were married July, 1966. They are parents of two daughters, Trisha Leigh and Melinda Kay.

Paul Miller had a son, Vernon Stanley, who lives with his family near St. Louis, Mo.

EDWIN WILLIS MILLER

Edwin Willis Miller, son of Benjamin Franklin and Jane Still Miller, was born near Wheeling, West Virginia on April 29, 1851 and moved to Illinois at eight years of age. On December 25, 1872, he was united in marriage with Mary Louisa Crabbs near Rock Island, Illinois. To this union were born seven children, who are all deceased: three in infancy, A. Frank in 1952, Olive Jane in 1954, Ernest Willis in 1956 and Louis Earl in 1962.

The Edwin Willis Miller family came to Cass County, Missouri in 1898 from Ada, Kansas and purchased a farm near Belton, a large part of which is still owned by their descendants.

Edwin Willis Miller was engaged in a mercantile store business for a great number of years in the Belton area. He was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry in 1894 and served as pastor of several rural Baptist Churches. He passed away on March 12, 1928 and his wife, Mary Louisa, passed away on February 28, 1924.

A. Frank married Sadie R. Hale, daughter of James and Rebecca Hale, in 1903 and they had four children: Elcie Mary, Ollie Mae, Frances Rebecca and Edwin McCoy (Bud). Elcie Mary died in infancy and is buried in the Belton Cemetery. Ollie Mae married Keith R. Springer and lives in Sedalia, Missouri. Frances Rebecca married Vernon John Hendrix and they reside at Amoret, Missouri. Edwin McCoy (Bud), who passed away in 1948, was married to Eda Frances Marshall and had one son, Edwin Ray (Foxy), who married Audrey Johnson and had Edwin McCoy, Dale Ray, Randy Allen and Tina Raye.

Olive Jane Miller married George Henry Clarke and they were the parents of four children of whom three are deceased. Verna Jeanette was born in 1902 and died about age 3. Rexford Franklin passed away in 1960 and Edgar Allen, a West Point graduate, class of 1935, passed away in 1950. Rexford Franklin married Pauline Harding and their two children, Rexford Harding and Jay Franklin died in infancy. Edgar Allen married Harriet McKee and they had one daughter, Laura Jane. She married Patrick John Oriel and they reside in Midland, Michigan. Their children are Kathleen Ann, Laura Beth and John Alan. Mary Marguerite married Samuel John Mosier, who is now deceased, and had one son, Harry Clarke. She later married Harold Fletcher Brockett, who adopted Harry Clarke Mosier and his name was changed to Clarke Brockett. Harold Fletcher Brockett passed away July 26, 1969 and Mary Marguerite now resides in Stockton, California.

Ernest Willis married Anna Gochnauer, daughter of Adam and Sarah Gochnauer, January 27, 1915 in Belton, Missouri. Their children are: Sarah Marjorie, Robert Ernest and Jack Roger. Sarah Marjorie married Ralph Winston Lamar and they reside in McAllen, Texas. Robert Ernest married Opal Bilbo and they have two children, Robert Ernest and Karen Sue. Karen Sue married Scott Adams and they have one child, Kimberly. All of the Robert Ernests' family reside in Texas. Jack Roger married Ione Aileen Jacobsen and they reside in Pueblo, Colorado. They have two daughters and one son, Kathleen Ann, Kristine Grace and Martin Roger. Kathleen Ann married James Marion Hall and Kristine Grace married Robert Charles Allen.

Louis Earl married Anna Johannah Walters, daughter of Benjamin J. and Geska (Kline) Walters, on February 14, 1917 and had four children: Bernice Caroline, Willis Allen, Earl Walters and Anna Louise. Bernice Caroline has spent her entire life in the Belton area. Willis Allen, who passed away August 29, 1967, married Virginia Ruth Decker and had two children, Duane Allen and Diane Ruth, who also reside in Belton. Earl Walters married Mary Kathryn Crawford and resides on part of the original Miller farm west of Belton. Anna Louise married James Forest Mullen and their two children are Cynthia Kay and Philip Charles. They reside in Grandview, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Willis Miller.

HENRY S. MILLER

On November 5, 1863, Martha Jane Sullenberger became the wife of Henry S. Miller of West Lampeter, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

In 1881, Henry and his family, along with several other families, started a long journey in covered wagons to the West. They settled on a farm North of Raymore. The family later moved to town and Mr. Miller became one of the first blacksmiths in the area. The shop was located on the Southeast corner from the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church that was located on their property. Faithful members met in the little frame church for many wonderful religious experiences.

From this union, five children were born: Harriett Elizabeth, Frank, Irene, Martha (Mattie) and John, all born in Pennsylvania; and Martin who was born in Missouri. Frank pursued the career of painting for which he was very well known. Irene became Mrs. Arthur Turner. Mr. Turner was a

barber in Belton and they moved to Raymore where he barbered for over forty years. John went to work for the Frisco Railroad in Raymore at the age of 16, learning telegraphy under Major Lee Glandon. Harriet became Mrs. Benjamin Barr. Two sons, Wallace and Ephraim, were born to this union. Typhoid fever took the life of Wallace at age 20. Ephraim remained a resident of Raymore and married Ethel Craig in 1916. Ephraim was a well known builder and managed and later purchased the Hope Lumber Company. Their children, Thelma and Robert E. attended grade and high school in Raymore. Thelma came back to teach grades three and four in her own school and she later married Mr. James Moore who coached and became the Superintendent of Raymore schools. After the war, Robert E. Barr taught in the Kansas City Public School System.

JOSEPH AMI MILLER

Joseph Ami Miller, born January 2, 1886, moved to Cass County from near Holden, Missouri with his parents Samuel P. and Katherine Raber Miller about 1900. Prior to this the family traveled by covered wagon to Ponca City, Oklahoma and remained there several years before returning to Missouri again by covered wagon.

In 1908 he married Lydia Katherine Schrock, daughter of Jacob B. and Elizabeth Peachey Schrock. They were parents of five children; Norman J. Miller (deceased in 1974), Katherine McCarthy Schrock, J. Emerson Miller, S. Paul Miller and Mary Eleanor Kochsmeirer.

In early years Ami attended "High School" in Holden and college in Warrensburg, preparing himself for a career of teaching. He taught five terms of rural school in Cass County. His last term of school was at the Marshall School where later all of his five children attended and graduated from the eighth grade. One of his daughters taught at this same school thirty-four years later.

In 1909 Ami took up farming at the Jacob B. Schrock farmstead where he remained in this occupation. He never lost interest in people, in schools, in church work, and in current events. He was on the school board in the Marshall District for thirty years. He had a keen interest in the school programs and many times took part himself. He will be remembered for his ability to give "Readings."

Lydia was a devoted housewife and mother, known as an excellent "Pennsylvania Dutch Cook." She took great pride in her garden and in the many quarts of fruits and vegetables she canned for her family's winter supply. She, like her father, became a breeder of fine chickens which were shown at Fairs. Her Rhode Island Reds won many ribbons.

After Lydia's death in 1959, Ami spent much time traveling. Six months prior to his death in 1970 he was able to travel from coast to coast visiting all of his brothers, sisters, his children and grandchildren.

MILLER FAMILY

William E. Miller, born on March 21, 1924, resides at 204 W. Washington Street, Harrisonville. The son of the late Earl Cranston Miller, (11/30/1897-2/12/1975) traces his ancestry back to Jacob Miller, a native of Switzerland. Jacob was born in Zurich in 1663, and lived his early years there. Because of the persecution of Protestants in that country in the 17th century, he left Switzerland to seek religious freedom. From Switzerland he traveled to Amsterdam and thence to London. He left London on June 29, 1710, and arrived in Philadelphia in September, 1710.

The third of John Miller's sons was Henry, born in 1751. He received an English education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in York County in 1770, where he moved. There he married Sara Ann Ursula Rose on June 26, 1770. Henry won distinction in the War of the Revolution. He was one of the first to enter the service. He raised a company and joined Washington's army with the commission of First Lieutenant. He won prestige especially in the battle of Monmouth, and was promoted by Washington to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1779 he resigned his commission on account of the straitened pecuniary circumstances of his family, which had arisen by reason of his long absence in the field. He was Major of York when Washington visited that city, and a member of Pennsylvania's Constitutional Convention. During the War of 1812 he was in command of the militia at Baltimore, and charged with the defense of Fort McHenry. When the English left the Chesapeake, he retired from the army with the rank of Brigadier-General, and returned to Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death.

Henry Miller had seven children of whom Henry, Junior, born in 1771, was the eldest. Young Henry married Barbara Rebecca Kramer, and together they pioneered into Westmoreland County, western Pennsylvania, and then on into West Virginia. There seems to have been little or no correspondence between the younger and elder Henry, as they lived so remote from each other. Henry Miller died in 1820, four years before the death of his father, General Henry Miller, who died in 1824 at Carlisle, Pa.

One of Henry, Jr.'s eight children was Samuel, born in Somerset County, Pa., July 23, 1796. Samuel moved with his father to West Virginia, but later returned to Pennsylvania and married Mary Elcher (1797-1890), and settled at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., and there raised a large family. He owned an iron foundry where his sons assisted him. He later moved to Iowa, locating near Iowa City where he died in 1881.

Samuel's large family included eleven children, of which David, born in 1821 at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., was the eldest. In 1852 David and his wife, Lucy Ann Statler, moved to Iowa from Pennsylvania.

One of David Miller's brothers was Alexander James Miller, 6th son of Samuel and Mary Miller. Alexander had a military record in the Civil War that reads like that of his great-grandfather Lieutenant Colonel Henry Miller in the Revolution.

When the Civil War was practically over, on November 30, 1864, as his great-grandfather of Revolutionary fame had done in 1779, Lieut. Col. A. J. Miller resigned his commission, and returned home to his family (his bride of August 24, 1863), soon to be augmented by the arrival of their first child, Walcutt Miller.

Meanwhile, David Miller and family were still in Iowa, and remained there until about 1876, when they went to Kansas, locating in Sedgwick County about eleven miles southwest of Wichita. William Miller, born in Johnson County, near Iowa

City, November 15th, 1854, moved with his father to Kansas. David Miller was engaged in farming and livestock raising and also practiced medicine in Sedgwick County until 1889, when the family came to Missouri, locating in Grand River Township, Cass County.

David Miller died on his place on March 22, 1900, and his wife passed away in the fall of 1890. They were the parents of five children, of whom William Edgar was the second son. William was associated with his father in farming and stock raising during the lifetime of the latter. He married September 14, 1892, to Miss Belle Harshbarger, and had three children, of whom Earl Cranston was the youngest. Earl survived two older brothers, and assumed control of the farm at his father's death in 1927. Earl married Stella Alberta Braden in November, 1919, and farmed until his death in 1975. Stella died early in 1976, leaving two grown children, Stella Francine Eichenberber of Tucson, Az., and William Earl Miller, of Harrisonville, Mo. An older brother, Harold, had died some years earlier.

William Earl Miller was born in 1924 and has farmed practically all his life on a farm near his parents. He was active in the community having served on the Cass County School Board, and as president of the local Missouri Farm Bureau. Just recently he moved into Harrisonville with his wife of 25 years, Loura Lee Bennett, daughter of Schyler Nelson and Carrie Alice Bennett of Lone Tree, Missouri. William, however, is now in Haiti seeking new horizons. His oldest son William E. II, born in 1951, now farms both his father's farm, land of his own, and his grandparents' estate, all located west of Harrisonville. William E.'s other children include Samuel L., born 1953, and Sam's wife Sabra Clary Miller; Alice Ann, born 1954, and her husband Mike Gray and their son Aaron Zachariah; and Jacob Merle, born 1955, and his bride Phyllis Daniels Miller, all of Harrisonville.

CHARLES W. MOHR

Charles W. Mohr, son of Max Mohr and Erna Kempfe Mohr of Kansas City, was born October 30, 1939. His father was a native of Wilster, Germany, coming to Kansas City at the age of 18 to help his uncle in a florist shop. He married Erna Kempfe of Alma, Missouri. Max Mohr has conducted his florist shop at 70th and Troost for 36 years. In 1957 he purchased 80 acres from Mrs. Jess Urton and planted ten acres to various types of evergreens.

Charles was united in marriage to Jeanne Tolbert of Kansas City on June 25, 1960. They now have one son, Charles W. Mohr, II, born July 31, 1962. They moved to their present farm in 1963. He built a greenhouse in the summer of 1966 and now specializes in the culture of hydrangeas, potting 25,000 in 1968. In addition to caring for the evergreens and the greenhouse, Charles assists his father in the florist business in Kansas City.

Jeanne Mohr is an accomplished musician and has taught accordion lessons and accordion bands in Harrisonville, Holden, Pleasant Hill, Drexel, Freeman, Kansas City and Peculiar.

EDWARD MONEYMAKER FAMILY

Ed Moneymaker came to the Raymore community from Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio with his bride, Clara Ann Cook, and his mother, in the springtime of 1883. They arrived at Pleasant Hill, Missouri by train. After the purchase of a team and wagon and some necessary articles of furniture, they began farming one mile south of Raymore. (The Council farm).

Ed Moneymaker and wife grew up in the Ohio River Valley and spoke of hearing the distant rumble of cannons during the days of the Civil War. He evidently grew up on a farm in an area that produced potatoes, among other crops.

After several years trial on the farm, he moved to Raymore, finally to a small house, which he built, located in the southwest part of Raymore. This house was located where the latest addition to Raymore Elementary School now stands. Here his vocation was that of a masonry tradesman...self taught. He was a keen observer of how and why things worked.

Descendents were: Earl, minister in the Presbyterian Church and master cabinet maker. He passed away in Seattle, Washington in 1967; Blanche Funk, school teacher, housewife and mother; Anna Scheurer, school teacher and Juvenile Court worker, housewife and mother; Carl Moneymaker, now deceased, construction worker and electrician; Dean Moneymaker, lawyer and safety educator; Harry Moneymaker, carpenter, grocer and gunsmith; Clara Seba, teacher, housewife and mother.

From 1892 through the following 79 years, either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd generation descendants of this family have attended grade and high school classes at Raymore or the combined Raymore-Peculiar schools with the exception of one year. Clara Moneymaker taught in the Raymore grade school for two years.

HORACE BAKER MOODY

Horace Baker Moody, who became identified with many early business interests of Harrisonville in Cass County, was born in Cass County, Michigan in 1853, son of Ethan and Eceleann Hatch Moody, natives of New England. Ethan was born in Lollanell, Mass. and was a cousin of Dwight L. Moody. Ethan and Eceleann Hatch Moody later want to Elkhart, Indiana where he retired and died.

Horace Baker was one of four children. He was reared in Indiana, educated in the public schools of Elkhart and graduated from Notre Dame University at South Bend. He came to Cass County, Missouri when he was about 20 years old, taking employment in the W. H. Barrett Drug Store. Later he became a partner in the Barrett Drug Store. He became interested in many projects. He was a director in the Allen Bank-

ing Co., First National Bank and vice-president of the Cass County Telephone Company of which his brother-in-law, W. B. Scruggs, was president. H. B. Moody married Ammie Chilton who died leaving one son, Dr. George Roy Moody, a dental surgeon living in California.

In 1894 Mr. Moody married Mary Amanda Clements. They were the parents of one son: Horace Jackson Moody, who attended Westminster College and Missouri University. Later he was a partner in the hardware business with his uncle, Will Clements. He was also a member of the well known Kiwanis quartet. This quartet achieved much recognition throughout the state and nation, accepting at one time an invitation to sing at a national convention in Canada. Members of the quartet were H. J. Moody, James Idol, L. M. Crouch Jr., and Harry (Jay) Bird. Their organ accompaniment was played by E. W. Shepherd. H. J. Moody married Lucile Connely in June of 1921. To this union were born two children: Jackson Connely and Mary Patricia Moody.

Jackson Connely Moody graduated from Westminster College, Missouri University, and North Western University Medical School in Chicago, Illinois. He spent two and one half years in the U.S. Navy. After several years of general practice in Harrisonville he later took a specialty degree in ophthalmology and spent ten years doing Medical Mission work in India, Nepal and Afghanistan. At present he is practicing in Silver City, New Mexico. He and his wife, the former Lenora Murray, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Murray of Pleasant Hill, are the parents of five children. The children are: Susan, wife of Sanford Fred Cooksey, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Christopher, now a college student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; Eric Jackson, Melissa and Jonathan, all of Silver City. Mary Patricia Moody married Harold Kenneth Meyer, of Henry County. He did service in the U.S. Air Force. Both received the Master's degree from Missouri University and are teaching school at Pleasant Hill, Mo. She teaches music and he teaches vocational agriculture and agri-business. Both are active in the Presbyterian Church where she has played the organ for many years. They have two children: Gretchen Lucile, now in college; and Melanie Kenn in high school in Pleasant Hill.

CHARLIE DANIEL MOORE II

Was born June 10, 1903 on the farm where he now resides. He is the son of Charley D. and Florence B. Moore. His great, great grandfather, Peter Moor, was born in Delaware. The Moores came out of the Lowlands of Scotland which are called the moors. It is believed that this is where the name "Moore" originated.

Peter Moor's wife's name was Mary. Their youngest son, Richard Taylor, was born in Virginia in 1799. Peter and his family moved to Highland County, Ohio, where he bought a farm in 1806. They were Methodists and the first church services in the community were held at their house. Peter died about 1832 and is believed to be buried in a cemetery known as Moore's Graveyard.

Richard Taylor Moore grew up in Highland County and married Mary Brown. They owned a farm in Ross County, and were the parents of ten children. In 1844 Richard T. married Elisa Jane Keen. Four children were born to this union. In 1853 he and his wife, and ten of their children moved to a farm near Sigourney, Iowa, where he spent nearly all the rest of his life. While living there he held several township offices and was a justice of the peace for many years. His death was in 1892.

John C. was the second son of Richard T. and Mary Moore. He was born in 1821. He married Nancy Hannah. They made their home in northern Pike County, Ohio and were the parents of seven children. Charley Daniel, their youngest child, was born February 20, 1860. His mother died about 1863 and soon after her death John and his children moved to Iowa, and resided there two years. He left Iowa in a covered wagon with six of his children. They crossed the Missouri River on the ice, and continued south to Mount Vernon, later moving to Taney County. The six children came to Cass County in 1874, their father moving to Springfield, where he died in 1895.

Charley D. grew up in the Lone Tree community. In 1894 he purchased 100 acres along the Grand River for $16.00 per acre. He and Florence Brookhart Antill were married January 30, 1895 and became the parents of three children: Mary Elizabeth, Charley Daniel, and Faye Bernice.

Florence, the daughter of Kile and Mary Catherine Brooks Antill, was born February 18, 1873. Kile Antill was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, August 16, 1836, the son of John and Deliah Keath Antill. This family came to Cass County in 1852 and settled on a farm south of Harrisonville. John was employed at a sawmill near where Clark's bridge is now located. He died here suddenly and is buried in the Brady Cemetery.

Kile Antill and Mary C. Brooks were married October, 1869 and became the parents of the following: William Worthy, Florence Brookhart and an infant son, who with his mother, died January 1, 1875. Dr. Lynch Brooks, the first physician to come to Harrisonville, was the father of John L. Brooks, who was the father of Mary Brooks Antill. William W. Brooks was Mary's brother.

Charley Daniel Moore II and Anna Lora Duncan were married December 6, 1921. Their children are Charley Thomas, Anna Lee Moore and Madonna Mildred Wilson. Anna Lora Duncan was born October 10, 1902, the daughter of Thomas F. and Mildred N. Duncan. Her grandparents were John and Josie Shaler Duncan, and Garrett Buckner "Doc" Peterson, and Nancy Shelton Starks Peterson. They came from Hardin County, Kentucky, and settled near Freeman.

C. H. MOORE

Columbus Houston Moore was known to all his friends and acquaintances by the nickname "Lum". He was born Sept. 24, 1857 in Grayson County, Virginia to Nimrod and Elizabeth (Snyder) Moore. His grandparents were Thomas and Hulday Moore who had come from England, date and place unknown.

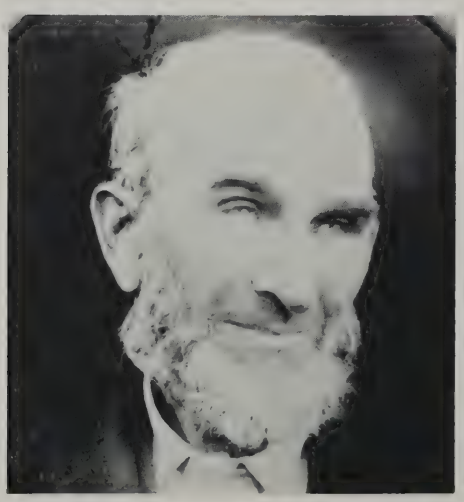
Nimrod (Aug. 5, 1829-June 21, 1910) had a brother, Isaac and two sisters, Violette and Lucinda. Nimrod married Elizabeth Snyder (1832-1875) on June 5, 1851 and three children

were born in Virginia: John Snyder (Apr. 3, 1853-July 20, 1916); Josephine J. (May 25, 1855-Aug. 20, 1877) and Columbus Houston. The Civil War found Nimrod serving in the Confederate Army. In 1867, he brought his family to Cass County, Mo. They drove a covered wagon and Nimrod's sister, Violette, came along. He bought a forty acre farm east of Harrisonville where two sons were born: Franklin B. (Aug. 31, 1870-Oct. 4, 1921) and Edwin Thomas (Oct. 19, 1872-Feb. 14, 1926). His wife, Elizabeth, died on June 14, 1875 and was buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. Nimrod married again but there was no children of the later marriage.

Nimrod was active almost to the last but he never gained enough of this world's wealth to be independent financially in his late years so he spent his final days living in turn with his sons. Nimrod died June 21, 1910 and is also buried in Orient Cemetery.

C. H. had to help at home until he was 21 years old, which was 3 years after his mother died. The wages he earned when he worked away from home were kept by his father. After he became 21 years old, he saved his own wages until he had enough to buy a team, the needed farm tools and some household goods to "batch" with. After five years of living alone, he married Rosa Ottilla Kircher on Sept. 23, 1883. She was the daughter of Jacob and Magdalene (Keller) Kircher. Their first home was near Hutchison School. They lived there one year and their first child, Mabel, was born on Sept. 2, 1884. They moved to a farm 1½ miles east of the Orient Cemetery and lived there until 1893. Three more girls were born: Grace (Jan. 26, 1886), Pearl (Apr. 20, 1888-Mar. 3, 1918), Katherine (Jan. 21, 1892). The family moved to a farm three miles south of Harrisonville. Alberta was born Nov. 8, 1896 and a son, Chas. Houston on Feb. 28, 1900. He died June 1, 1973.

C. H. Moore joined the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in late middle age and became a very devoted worker and a deacon in the church. In 1911, the farm was sold and the family moved to Idaho where they lived about 1½ years. The Missouri farm buyer could not meet his payments so the family came back to the farm. Again they sold the farm and in 1920 went to California for a year. They came back to Harrisonville and in 1923 the farm had to be taken back again. They started farming again and in 1927, their son, Charles took over the farming. In 1930, "Lum" and Rosie took a vacation trip to California and Idaho. Rosie's health suffered a change and she passed away Feb. 12, 1933, at the farm home south of Harrisonville. "Lum" and his son, Charles, farmed together until "Lum" decided to retire. In Dec. 1936, he went to El Dorado Springs where he lived until failing health brought him to the home of his daughter, Alberta in Harrisonville, May, 1945. He died on August 6, 1945 at the age of eighty-eight years. He and his wife are both buried in the Orient Cemetery.



Nimrod Moore.

His daughters and son had married as follows: Mabel to Reid Hutchison, Grace to Will McLay, Pearl to Myron G. Holloway, Katherine to Frank N. Savage, Alberta to Dr. E. H. Owen and Charles to Lela Rains. All his daughters, except Pearl, are living at this writing. Fifteen grandchildren were born but none carried on the Moore family name. Only one son-in-law, Frank N. Savage, survives.

ROBERT F. MOORE

This family descended from Heremiah and Jemima (Yager) Moore, who lived in Mercer County, Kentucky. Cornelius Moore, their son, was married to Nancy Weaver. They were the parents of ten children. Their only son, Robert Moore, married Nettie Deaton.

They were the parents of ten children. Four of them are still living in Cass County. Three children, George, Fanny and Bessie died in infancy.

In 1900 the father, Robert Fisher Moore, died, leaving his widow with seven young, unmarried children. The oldest son, James C. Moore, was much help in those trying years. He remained unmarried and died in Louisburg, Kansas.

The oldest daughter, Cora Ann Moore married Luke Hink. They were the parents of six children, Roy, Ernest, Lela, Earl, Velma, and Everett. Cora Ann Hink died in Louisburg, Kansas. Most of her children and their families are still living in Kansas.

Another daughter, Nina Marie Moore, married Joe Ohlert. She died in childbirth near Archie, Missouri.

Daisy D. Moore married William Ament. Two sons, Kenneth and Dale, died. Her daughter, Mildred (Ament) Welborn, is living in Drexel, Missouri, sharing her home with her mother.

Edna S. Moore married Martin L. Foster. They had seven children: Belle, who died in infancy, Hazel, Robert, Charles, Delmer, Martin and Helen. Robert died in 1973. Helen is living in California. Edna S. Foster and the other children are living in the vicinity of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Charles F. Moore married Daisy Baer. They are the parents of two sons, Robert and Don. A third son, George Glenn Moore, died in infancy. Charles F. Moore and both sons are still living in the vicinity of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Lonnie L. Moore married Faye Moore. They became the parents of six children. Charles Lee Moore and Billy Moore are living in the Harrisonville area near their parents. Betty Lives in Texas. Mary lives in Indiana. Kenneth lives in Georgia and Lloyd lives in Kansas.

THOMAS EDWARD MOORE

Thomas Edward Moore, son of Andrew and Christie Moore, was one of five children (born 1873, Nebr. — died

1963, Harrisonville). He lived in Peculiar as a young man and worked with his brother-in-law, D. G. (Greene) Shackelford, in a general store called "The Cash House".

His brothers and sisters were Mary Adella (Della) (born 1875, Iowa — died 1959, Harrisonville), who was a teacher for eighteen years in rural schools near Harrisonville, Peculiar and Belton. Her husband was Perry Bailey and they operated a grocery store on the southwest side of the square in Harrisonville. Lura Alice (born 1863, Iowa — died 1953), also taught in rural schools of Harrisonville and Peculiar. She married David Greenlee Shackelford and built one of the first houses in Peculiar which is now 216 N. Street. Ben F. married Ella Hutchison and they had two sons, George (Butch) and Lyle. Charles married Pearl Bradish and had only one son, Kenneth, of Kansas City.

In September, 1901, "Ed" married Pearl Prettyman (born 1876 — died 1971 Harrisonville) of Harrisonville, whose parents were William and Martha W. (Cleton) Prettyman, known as "Mattie", who had lived at 405 E. Mechanic Street in Harrisonville. Pearl was one of six children. Others were Maud Watson of the home; Ada Martz, Adrian; Roy Prettyman, Harrisonville; Ross and William Prettyman, Kansas City. William was the last to pass away in 1971.

Ed and Pearl made their home in Peculiar. Both were active in church, social and civic affairs. He was one of the builders of the County Courthouse in Harrisonville. Both their parents were veterans of the War Between the States, and fought on different sides. The Prettymans were burned out.

Their first child, Mamie Pearl (1904) died at birth. Rodger Edward was born in 1907. A pair of twins, Donald Clay and Deane, were born in 1912. Deane died at birth.

Rodger Edward Moore married Kathaleen Loretta Johnson, of Kansas City, at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1928, and lived in Kansas City for about ten years while they worked at Sears, Roebuck & Co. before moving to a farm south of Peculiar, where they still live. They are parents of two daughters, Karen Loretta (1941) and Judy Kay (1946), both in Kansas City.

Karen married William George Hampton in 1961. They live on the same farm where Karen grew up. Their first child, Steven Craig (1963, Harrisonville), died at the age of eleven months. The second child is William Scott (1966, Harrisonville). Karen and Bill are now farming her dad's farm.

Judy Kay married Gerald Wayne Johnson in Peculiar in 1968. They are parents of twin girls, Sherri Loretta and Shelley Louise (born in 1974). Judy and Jerry live in Grandview, Missouri. Judy is a teacher at Butcher Greene Elementary School. Jerry is an Industrial Engineer at A.B. Chance in Grandview.

Donald Clay Moore, brother of Rodger Edward Moore, married Geneva McCue of East Lynne, Missouri, in Kansas City in 1937. The couple now lives in Overland Park, Kansas. Donald works for Schwindeer Brokerage Co., a grocery broker, calling on both wholesale and retail accounts. They have no children.

EDWIN BRUCE MORLAN

Edwin Bruce Morlan who was born on May 8, 1849, in Rockville, Indiana, was the son of Israel T. and Lydia Fagin Morlan. Israel Morlan was engaged in the milling business in Rockville, Indiana, for a number of years before moving to New Home Township in Bates County, Missouri.

As a young man, Edwin Bruce Morlan moved to Dayton, Missouri, Cass County, and engaged in the general mercantile business with his brother, Frank P. Morlan. With the building of the railroad in Garden City, they moved to Garden City and established a general store in 1885. Edwin Bruce Morlan married Laura Jane McCulloh on October 14, 1886. He and his brother, Frank P. Morlan, operated a general mercantile store until 1915 at which time the business was sold. He thereafter continued in the farming and banking business. Upon the merger of the Bank of Garden City with the Garden City Trust Company, forming the present Garden City Bank, he became the latter's first president and remained in that capacity until his death on April 13, 1936. He was active in various Masonic organizations and was instrumental in establishing the Christian Church in Garden City, Missouri.

His wife, Laura Jane Morlan was born on October 29, 1865, at Fontana, Kansas, and died on May 6, 1943, at Garden City, Missouri. To this union were born two daughters: Geneva Claire Morlan and Jewell Pauline Morlan.

Geneva Claire Morlan was born May 9, 1888 at Garden City, Missouri. She married Grover C. Kimberlin on January 19, 1910. She studied music at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and at the State Normal College at Warrensburg, Missouri. She taught voice and piano for more than 50 years at Garden City, Missouri. To this union was born one son, William M. Kimberlin, on November 20, 1915. Geneva Claire Kimberlin died May 30, 1964.

Jewell Pauline Morlan was born in Garden City, Missouri, on May 3, 1898. She graduated from Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri, in 1918. She married Roy E. Welding of Sioux City, Iowa, on September 27, 1940, at Olathe, Kansas. They are living in San Diego, California at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morlan.

ELEM MORRISON

Elem Morrison, son of Henry and Sarah (Humpherys) Morrison, born August 30, 1835, in Hardin County, Kentucky, died February 22, 1894, buried in Freeman Cemetery. June 15, 1857, Elem married Lavinia S. Tabb (born October 15, 1836, died August 5, 1863), daughter of Bailey S. Tabb and his first wife Sallie Gray. They had three children, America

Belle, John Henry and Sarah Adaline.

Elem's second wife Amelia V. Tabb (born June 24, 1830, died September 22, 1889), was a sister of Lavinia by the same parents. Amelia and Elem were married February 17, 1864, and their children were: Elem Thomas, William Sprig, Mary Elizabeth and Martha Frances.

Elem brought his family to Missouri in 1869. Also in the covered wagon party was his father-in-law and others of the Morrison and Tabb families. Elem settled southwest of Freeman on a farm owned by Amanda M. Allen.

April 12, 1877, America Belle Morrison (born November 9, 1857, died September 11, 1941) married Napoleon B. Bybee, son of Alfred and Arraminta Railsback Bybee. Their children were Alfred E., Margie, Sarah L., Eva Lee, Fannie B., Lizzie M., Samuel M., James H., "Col." N. B., Jr., Robert L., William T., Manard L. and Mary Arminta.

Sarah Adaline Morrison (born November 17, 1861, died January 3, 1950) married Lewis G. McGill. Their children were Ida, Cora, George, Taylor, Spencer and Mary Lee.

John Henry Morrison (born July 3, 1859, died January 26, 1930) married Martha Peterson. Their children were J. Frank, Roy, Elmer, Myrtle, and Nellie.

Elem Thomas Morrison (born November 11, 1864, died November 18, 1925) married Sallie Lacy and their children were Thomas Ray, James Ralph, Richard Elem, Lacy, Louis and Edith.

William Sprig Morrison (born October 5, 1869, died October 14, 1872).

Mary Elizabeth Morrison (born March 9, 1870) married Elijah H. Stark and their children were Lizzie, Ruth, Willie, Elijah Raymond, Addie, Esther, Cecil, Lowell and Gladys.

Martha Frances Morrison (born January 22, 1873, died September 16, 1874).

AMBUS MORRISS

Ambus Morriss was born July 6, 1834 at Wigtoff, Lincolnshire, England, the second son of William and Frances Seymour Morriss. They were the parents of three children: William, Ambus and Elizabeth Overton Morriss. The father was killed by a loaded two-wheeled cart, overturning and pinning him beneath it in a roadside ditch.

William, the eldest son, inherited the family estate. Because of compulsory military service, Ambus wanted to leave his native country. In 1854, William, with his wife and sons, came to the United States of America, bringing 20 year old Ambus with them. They settled in the state of Michigan. After spending two years here, William and Ambus left for the mining district in Montana, where they stayed for ten years. In 1864 the brothers became separated. Neither Ambus nor William's family ever heard from William again. It was presumed he had been killed, as he was carrying gold on his person. In 1886, Ambus came to Westport Landing. From there he came to Harrisonville, Missouri, looking for farming land with timber and water. This he found in south Cass County, near Grand River. It was here in south-east Austin Township that he bought land, moving into the one room cabin, November 1, 1866. On November 15, 1868, he married a young war widow with a small son, who lived with her parents, Philip and Mary Jane Fulkerson, in near-by Dayton Township. The Fulkerson family were pioneers, having come from the state of Kentucky prior to the Civil War.

Ambus Morriss and Margaret Adeline Fulkerson Hubble were married at the home of her parents by the Rev. A. H. Deane of Austin, Missouri, who at that time was pastor of the Austin Baptist Church. Ambus had been converted and baptized by the Rev. Deane a few months prior to his marriage. They were the parents of seven children: Mary Frances — married Burke Pulliam, Philip Adam, Margaret Adeline, Elizabeth Overton, William Rayson and Ambus Seymour, who died at the ages of 5 and 8 respectively, in the year of 1879 and George Ennis, who married Mabel Jackson App. The children of George and Mabel are: Marjorie — married Ralph Heins Patterson, (son, Wendell Heins); Ennis App — married Ruth Settle (daughter, Mary Patricia Pieroo); Delmer Roberts — married Virginia Corene Mouse (daughter, Betty Carroll Marchbank); Harriet Seymour — married Urson Charles Logue, Sr. (daughter, Linda Louisa Zellmer; son Urson Charles, Jr.; daughter, Sherry Sue Limpus).

The lives of the Morriss family were interwoven with the growth of the Austin Baptist Church through the years. Almost from the first beginnings of the church, the family have been active members. Beginning with Ambus and Adeline, through each generation the family have remained faithful and true to the church of their choice. Members of three generations have served their church as deacons.

For almost 53 years, the farm he first purchased was home to Ambus Morriss and his family. His church, his family and the community were his life. He never returned to his home land for a visit. Margaret Adeline passed away January 17, 1912 and Ambus June 28, 1919. They are bured at Austin Cemetery.

Miss Margaret Morriss died Easter Day, April 18, 1976, just 45 days before her 100th birthday. Today, 1976, a great grandson, Urson Charles Logue, Jr. owns the original farm, making it one of the Bicentennial Farms of Cass County.

HELEN MORSE

Born Dec. 4, 1897 near Diamond, Mo. in Newton County Miss Helen Morse was the third child and only daughter of Delbert and Olive (Lawrence) Morse. In 1904, the family moved to Neosho where her father, Delbert Lewis Morse, was a bookkeeper. Later they moved to a farm where he and his family developed the "Morse Purebred Stock Farm". Later the stock farm was made into "Morse Park". It contained a half-mile race track, a freshwater swimming pool, campground and a baseball field. The land is now owned by the City of Neosho as a park and is still known as "Morse Park."

Helen graduated from the Neosho High School in 1917 in the spring and began teaching in September at "Number 4" school not far from Seneca, Mo. She taught eight years in the Neosho school system; a grade teacher four years and principal of M. E. Benton Ward School for four years. Higher wages lured her to Adair, Okla. where she taught English and Agriculture in high school. At Sallisaw, Okla., she taught Home Economics. She had one class of 16 boys in Food. She was here when in 1933 the banks were closed by Pres. Roosevelt. In the meantime, Helen was working toward a college degree. After receiving summer school credits at Mo. University, Columbia, Mo. and Boulder, Colo., extension and corre-

spondence credits at Northeastern Teacher's College, Tahlequah, Okla. She graduated from the latter college on July 20, 1933 with a B.S. in Education.

Her father died of a heart attack in Nov., 1932 so Helen and her mother moved to Cass County, Mo. to be near their sister and aunt, Mrs. Leo (Lois Lawrence) Armstrong. Helen taught the seventh grade in the Harrisonville school system in 1933 and the eighth grade in 1934 term.

She secured employment at Neosho as Supervisor of Women's work in Rural Rehabilitation in Newton County, Mo. She was the first woman in Missouri to be employed by Rural Rehabilitation, but the project closed for reorganization in 1935. Works Progress Administration (WPA) was being organized so Helen was employed to be Home Economist of seven counties in southwest Missouri. She worked out of Joplin for 2 years, when the district was enlarged to include 22 counties with headquarters in Springfield, Mo. She resigned in 1940 to enter the University of Mo. at Columbia, where she graduated in 1941 from the College of Agriculture with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. As a Home Demonstration Agent in Texas County from 1941 to 1947, she worked with George Penn Smith, County Agent during the World Wat II period. Gardens, canning, clothing made of feed sacks, and making over hand-me-down clothing were only a part of the effort to help with the war effort.

When her mother needed hospitalization occasionally during her invalid years, they decided to move back to Cass Co., so Helen asked for a transfer and began her work there in 1947. She replaced Miss Margaret Nelson, who had given 24 years of excellent leadership. Helen's mother passed away April 15, 1949 and is buried beside her husband, D. L. Morse, in the Wills Cemetery, east of Peculiar.

June 30, 1960 Helen took voluntary retirement with 24 years of U.S. Government work, after receiving many recognitions and honors from national, state and local groups. Feeling she could not leave her beloved friends in Cass County, she still maintains her home in Harrisonville, Mo. where she worked thirteen years as Home Demonstration Extension Agent.

JOHN MOSBY

John Mosby and his wife, Casaranda, spent their early life in Woodford County, Kentucky as farmers and in 1825, four years after Missouri became a state, they migrated to Clay Co., Mo. They settled on virgin land that had just been released by the government, in the area where Linden and Barry, Mo. are now located. There were eleven children in the family and, when the slaves who worked on the plantation were released, the land was divided into a housing subdivision and is known as the Mosby Highlands.

Warfield Mosby married Cordelia Goode and to their union were born nine children. During the Civil War Mosby was known as a strong believer in the Southern cause and was, at one time, threatened by the Union troops with hanging; but his wife's pleading saved his life.

James Woodford Mosby was born in Clay Co., Mo. in 1867, and in 1888 was united in marriage with Irene Faubion, of Parkville, Mo. In 1909, they moved to Stilwell, Kansas and later purchased a farm from John George in the High Blue community. James Mosby believed in quality education for the children of that period, serving for fifteen years on various school boards before moving to the High Blue area, where he served for 25 years on that district's board. James and Irene spent their entire life together in the dairying business. They had five children, Winnie, who died at the age of fifteen, Roy, Jesse, Frank and Dollie.

Roy Woodford Mosby was born in 1890 in Clay Co., Mo. and, in 1919, was united in marriage with Bertha Kerr, of Belton. To their union two children were born, Oletha, who died in 1974, and Leroy, who now resides in Belton. Roy served as Sheriff of Cass Co. 1928-1932, and retired as a deputy U.S. Marshal. He died in 1971.

Jesse James Mosby was born in 1895 in Clay Co. and was united in marriage with Hazel Allsworth, of Kansas City, in 1918. They had three children, Robert, Leo and Faye Mosby Wallace. They have all resided in Belton their entire lives. Jesse, early in life, was in the dairy business, worked for Brown-Strauss for 25 years and retired as a street foreman for the City of Belton. After his retirement he worked for the Belton Park Board as Park Supervisor until his death in 1968.

Frank Mosby was born in 1897 in Clay Co., Mo. and in 1919 was united in marriage with Pauline Alderson, of Belton. To their marriage were born three children, William Mosby, who resides in Belton, and Frances Mosby and Helen Mosby Graham, both of whom reside in North Kansas City. Frank, early in life, was in farming and retired from the Brown-Strauss Corp. He died in 1973.

Dollie Mosby, the youngest of the children, was born at Platte Co., Mo., in 1899 and married P. J. Smith, of Belton in 1920. They had three boys, Ralph, of Liberal, Kansas, Glenn of Wenham, Mass., and Harold, of Independence, Mo. Dollie and P. J. lived in the Belton area their entire life together and retired from dairying and farming.

BOYD H. MOSS

We arrived in Cass County in January, 1932. Boyd has been "bumped" off his job as an Express messenger and train baggageman with the American Railway Express Company in Kansas City, Missouri, because of the depression at that time. We purchased a small farm here from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers, northeast of town, but in the city limits of Harrisonville. A story was told of a hanging on this farm years ago. It seems a man was caught stealing horses or cattle, and was hung from a tree by the well.

We had one daughter, Ada Ellen, 2 years old, born in Leavenworth, Kansas. The Rogers had three sons, Glenn, Paul and Eugene. They moved to the next farm east, the Del K. Hall place. We used coal oil lamps until we installed electricity. We had chickens, hogs, cows, horses, cats and dogs. The field work was done with horses. In 1932 I had 22 men for dinner the day we threshed. The next year only two extra men because a combine did the work. I would hang butter and milk in a bucket and lower it into the well to keep it cool.

In 1938 another daughter, Dorothy Ann, joined our family. She was born in the hospital run by Mrs. Clarence (Helen) Price. Dr. J. U. Scott and Dr. Ed. M. Griffith brought their patients there. It was over the old Bennett Drug Store, on the corner where the Allen Bank is now. Mrs. Nina Parsons, I

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moss, Ada Ellen and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mott and Edna McBride Kenagy.

remember, was present that day, having come to the farm to take me to the hospital.

In 1940 Boyd took the Harrisonville census. I met him in Atchison, Kansas, where I was working for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was living in St. Joseph, Missouri, and working for the American Railway Express Company. Boyd was a veteran of World War I. He passed away in the Veterans Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1961, and is buried in the Orient Cemetery.

In 1944 we bought the home of Mrs. Walter R. Brown, where I still reside. We sold our farm to Bart Henderson.

Our girls were interested in their church, the Methodist, Girl Scouts, 4-H projects and Rainbow work. Both attended Girls' State in their junior year of high school. They took piano from Mrs. George Brinley and Dorothy Ann took voice from Mrs. H. J. Moody.

Ada Ellen graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1948 and entered the old Research Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1951. She married Arthur Monroe Hubble. She is employed in the Neosho County Memorial Hospital in Chanute, Kansas, where they reside. Ada Ellen is a hospital coordinator, and a licensed Medical Records Technician.

Dorothy Ann graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1956 and entered Park College, Parkville, Missouri. She married George Comninellis, also a student there. She graduated from UMKC in 1966 and at present is an educational resource teacher in the Park Hill R-5 school system.

HENRY MOTT

Henry G. Mott, one of eleven children of Andrew and Caroline Mott, was born on a farm near Maysville, Missouri on November 25, 1895. The father and mother came by ship from Germany, married after landing in the U.S., and then located in Northwest Missouri. Henry was a veteran of World War I; two brothers served overseas and one brother was killed in action in France in 1918.

Henry moved to Cass County in 1922, working on a farm near Gunn City. He met and married Merle Dean, oldest daughter of Thomas and Nellie Dean, in 1932. Nellie Merle Mott was born near Gunn City, Cass County, July 11, 1905, receiving her grade school education there. She taught in rural schools of Cass County eight years before her marriage.

Merle and Henry Mott moved to Puente, California in 1932. Both had employment on Handorf Dairy Farm, where 300 cows were milked. In 1946, Merle and Henry Mott returned to their native state, purchasing ten acres at Grandview. In the spring of 1947, they purchased and moved to the Van Huber farm, two miles west of Raymore. Henry continued to enjoy his livestock and farm life until his death in December, 1971.

On March 31, 1974 at the Belton Christian Church of which Merle is a member, she signed an annuity agreement with the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with headquarters in St. Louis. She gave to them 54.71 acres for a Christian Living Center, which is now known as Foxwood Springs Living Center for Older Adults. The property had been annexed to the city of Raymore a few years ago. Mrs. Mott continues to live in her home until building progresses.

HENRY MUCKE

John and Anna Mucke are descendants of an early day settler in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mucke came over from Germany around 1852 and homesteaded land in Henry County in Montrose, Missouri where they raised their family. Their son John B. (1869-1946), married Anna Cook (1879-1959) and they reared five children: Ann of Miami, Florida; George of Kerrville, Texas; Henry A. of Belton; Lawrence (1908-1976) of Peculiar; and Lena M. Catron, wife of Herbert Catron, present mayor of Belton. They lived on a 240 acre farm in Henry County on which the crops were sown and harvested with horses and mules. He also leased 400 acres besides his own land, and they had a lot of cattle, good horses and mules. He lived on the farm fifty-six years. He bought his first car, a Model T Ford in 1913, for approximately $350.00. The brass on the radiator would be worth more than that today.

Henry A. Mucke married Leona Goebel in 1930. Her grandmother and grandfather, Peter and Caroline Goebel came to this country in 1852 from Alten Preuson, Germany. They traveled here by boat and were en route for months, their first born arriving in travel. They raised six children, one of which was John, the father of Leona (Goebel) Mucke.

Henry and Leona lived on a farm in Bates County and went through the depression of the 1930's. It forced them to come to the city to get a job at Butler Mfg. Co. in 1936. There he worked ten years and learned the art of welding; moved to a farm south of Belton in 1939 and then in 1942 purchased a home in Belton. Henry started his welding and blacksmith shop in 1946 and sold out in 1969 which brought an end to an

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mucke.

ear of blacksmithing in Belton. He was appointed fire chief in 1948 at which time he built the fire truck. A Chevrolet truck with stock bars was converted to a fire truck, and he also built a tank for it. He is credited with putting the department on a paying basis, as the ten years Henry was chief, the department paid its own way. After retiring from blacksmithing, he managed a 700 acre farm and raised cattle.

Henry and Leona are the parents of four children: D. Wayne, Donna L., Vernon B. and Jerry L., all of which attended and graduated from the Belton schools.

Wayne went to work at the age of ten at the Hy-Klas Food Store in Belton for John Shawhan and Pryor Miller. Vernon also sacked groceries a few years later. Then, they both decided to go into the grocery business, which they had learned the hard way while employed in the store. They purchased the store Sept. 2, 1962. Vernon became sole owner in 1969, selling the business in 1974.

Wayne and his family are now residents of Sedalia, Missouri where he owns and operates a Western Auto store. Wayne married Jo Ann Job, daughter of Archie and Marge Job of Cleveland. Their children are; Kevin Wayne, Krista Renae, Kelly Le Ann and Karla Jo.

Donna is married to John S. Brewer, Jr. of Kansas City, son of John and Margaret Brewer. They have four children: John S. III, Mark Stephen, Matthew Thomas and Amy Marie. They reside in the St. Louis area where John is vice-president and manager of Brightman Distributing Company.

Vernon married Jo Ann Becklean, daughter of Roy and Katherine Becklean of Hickman Mills. They have three children; Kimberly Kay, Sondra Jo and Pharra Lea. They are residents of Lee's Summit where Vernon is associated with the Christian Services, Inc., management firm of John Knox Village and Vista Del Rio.

Jerry married Carol Schleicher, daughter of Walter and Genevive Schleicher of Wichita, Kansas. His children are; Christopher Anthony, Gilbert Patrick and Wendi Shannon. Jerry is the district manager in the Kansas City area for H. & R. Block.

Henry and Leona still reside in Belton and are enjoying their fourteen grandchildren.

SAMUEL D. MUIR

The first Muirs came from Kentucky and settled in Missouri in 1855.

Samuel D. and Lucinda P. (Dodson) Muir came from Kentucky and settled in Belton at High Blue Corner in 1871. They purchased property on Mill Street in 1872, and built their home. S. D. Muir opened a lumber yard in 1872.

Samuel D. and Boone Muir were charter members of the Belton Masonic Lodge. S. D. Muir passed away in 1885. Lucinda P. Muir passed away Nov., 1920. The Muirs had seven children: Richard Muir and wife had a daughter Ollie, who married Harry Wallace. Richard died August, 1919. Fred was a veterinarian in Lee's Summit and died May, 1916. Lee died Oct., 1906. Yeager E. was a Shriner and Captain of the Police Department in California. Yeager died in 1955. Mary Muir married Charles Miller of Kansas City and had a son, Ralph Miller. Ralph died May, 1962. Mary M. Miller was an employee of the membership department of the Kansas City Art Institute for 30 years, and died April, 1961. Sam and Verna had two children, Mary Lucinda and Harlan Lee. Samuel was a painter in Kansas City and later moved to California. Sam died in 1950. Scott Henry Muir was road overseer of Mt. Pleasant Township, and Deputy Sheriff of Cass County for many years. Scott Henry married Maude Effie McCoy Sept. 4, 1898, and he died Feb., 1935. Maude E. Muir died Nov., 1958. Scott and Maude had six children. Helen Marie Muir married Claude Hash and had a son, Henry Harold. Henry Harold served in the Armed Services in World War II. Henry H. married Dorothy Copeland and had two children, Michael and Claudia Marie. Claudia married Joe Lighthall and has a daughter, Tony Marie. Claudia and family live in California. Helen M. Hash died Oct., 1933.

Emma Lucinda (Taylor) Domville is a Belton resident and has two sons by a previous marriage. Milton H. Domville died in 1963. Emma Lou was a deputy assessor of Jackson County and an L.P.N. at the Independence Hospital. Cecil Eugene Taylor served with the Coast Guard in World War II and has been with Panhandle Eastern for 30 years. Cecil married Eva Scott (Illinois) and they have three children. Janet married Virgil Scott. Linda married Roger Wolff. Linda and Roger have a daughter, Shanda. Michael married Novella Moser and they have a daughter, Michelle. Mike has been serving in the Armed Services since 1970.

Henry Julian Taylor served with the Naval Reserve at Olathe and has been with Sears for 28 years. He married Mary Carnahan. Henry and Mary have four children. Linda married Dwayne Ham and has two children, Cherly and Jeffrey. Mary Catherine married Mark Crabtree and has two daughters, Jennifer and Melissa. Debra Colleen married Charles Campfield and has two children, Charles and Lori. Timothy Thomas is attending Grain Valley, Missouri, High School.

Scott Samuel Muir served in the Armed Services in World War II. Scott (Scotty) operated a service station on Highway 71 and on Bannister Road. The property where the station was located on Bannister was once owned by his great uncle, William (Buck) Muir, who settled there in 1855. Scott married Maxine Mathews and they have a daughter, Janet Sue. Janet married Tom Hopkins. Scott married second Elsie Frank. Scott and Elsie had a son, Scott Samuel Muir, Jr., who is attending Belton school. Scott died June, 1969.

Richard Lee Muir served in the Armed Services in World War II under General Patton and was in the Battle of the Bulge. Richard Lee (Jud) worked for the Gas Service Co. in Lee's Summit and part time on the police force in Pleasant Hill. Richard married Frances Williams and they had a son, Richard Lee Muir, Jr. R. L. Muir, Jr. served in the Vietnam War, married Dixie Lighter, and has two daughters, Kimberly Lee and Billie Lea. Richard Lee Muir married second Shirley

The Muir home in Belton, one of the first in the community, dates back to 1870.

Ann Roach. Richard (Jud) had two daughters, Jacquelyn Lee and Nancy Marie. Jacquelyn married Juan DeArce and has a daughter, Kathy Jo. Nancy married John Lancaster and has two children, Lori Jillenne and John Richard. Richard Lee (Jud) Muir died Nov., 1966.

Maude Beatrice and Nellie McCoy Muir live in the original Muir place built by their grandparents in 1872 at Belton. Maude has worked for The Little Shirt Company in Belton for 30 years. Nell has been a bookkeeper for the past 24 years for a Trade Association in Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN EDWARD MULLEN

John Edward Mullen was the son of Elizabeth Sanford Young Mullen and Patrick Mullen. He was born on August 31, 1855, on a farm south of Belton. At the age of 20, he came to Belton and found employment with Robinson and Wallace Hardware Company as a clerk. Several years later, he became owner of the hardware store. He entered into the real estate business in Belton in 1898. He continued in this business, as well as the insurance business, until his retirement in 1939, four years before his death in 1943. He was the oldest living native of Cass County at the time of his death.

John E. Mullen was married to Mollie Hughart September 2, 1885. They had four sons: Allen G., Russell S. and Nelson H. Mullen. Another son, Curtis, died in 1895, when he was seven years old. Mollie Hughart Mullen died in 1895. John E. Mullen served as President of the Citizens Bank of Belton many years and was an active member of the Belton Christian Church.

Allen G. Mullen was born in 1889, at Belton, Missouri. He died in 1968. Allen was a prominent farmer and stockman in Cass County. He was active in civic and county affairs all his life. Allen Mullen married Gladys Wells in 1912 at Belton, Missouri. Allen and Gladys Mullen were active members of the Belton Christian Church. Gladys Wells Mullen died in 1974. Allen and Gladys Mullen had two sons, John Wells Mullen and Gilbert P. Mullen. J. W. was born in 1915 at Belton and died in 1972. He had resided with his wife, June, in Kansas City, Missouri, at the time of his death. Gilbert P. Mullen was born in 1917. He married Lucille Brewer in 1945 at Tylertown, Mississippi. They have one daughter, Kathy, born in 1946. Gilbert and his family reside in Grandview, Missouri. Gilbert has been associated with the U.S. Postal Service since 1955, serving as Real Estate and Buildings Manager for a four-state area.

Russell S. Mullen was born in 1891. He went in the real estate and insurance business with his father and continued in this business until his retirement in 1961. Russell died in 1963. He was a prominent member of the community of Belton and served as a Deacon in the Belton Christ Church. He was a member of the Belton School Board and was active in matters concerning the betterment and upbuilding of Belton.

Russell married Genevieve Dot Holloway of Belton in 1917. They had two daughters, Madalyn, born in 1920, and Mary Jane, born in 1925. Mary Jane Mullen Faust died in 1952. She is survived by two children, Tomi Lee and Russell Dean Faust and one grandchild, Brett. Madalyn Mullen married Herbert L. Gebert in 1951. She has one son, James Frederick Buchanan, born in 1940. Her former husband, James J. Buchanan, died in 1950. James F. Buchanan married Irene A. Poston in 1963. They have one daughter, Carrie Lynn, born in 1970. Madalyn and Herbert Gebert and Fred J. Buchanan and his family reside in Belton at the present time. Mr. Gebert is retired from U.S. Civil Service. James F. Buchanan is associated with the Citizens Bank of Belton in the tradition of his great grandfather, John E. Mullen, and his grandfather, Russell S. Mullen, who were former presidents of the bank.

Nelson H. Mullen was born in 1893 at Belton, and died in 1968. He was married to Madalyn Hess of McAlester, Oklahoma in 1927. Mr. Mullen was Postmaster in Belton from 1935 until his retirement in 1963. Nelson and Madalyn Mullen had two sons, James Forest born in 1928 and Paul Nelson born in 1933. James married Anna Louise Miller of Belton in 1953. They have two children, Cynthia Kay Mullen born in 1958 and Philip Charles Mullen born in 1960. James Mullen and his family reside in Grandview, Missouri. James is associated with the Jackson County Manpower Program. Paul Mullen married Hazel McGinnis in 1954. They have two children, Bryan born in 1960 and Bradley born in 1966. Paul Mullen is associated with Farmland Industries. He and his family reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HARRY DAVID MUSSELMAN

Harry David Musselman, a farmer, northwest of Garden City, was born in Tiskilwa, Illinois January 4, 1888, oldest son of Joseph J. and Katie (Eigsti) Musselman, natives of Granville, Illinois. J. J. Musselman migrated to Hartford, Kansas in 1892 and to Cass County, Missouri in 1909.

In 1909 he purchased the Southwest ¼ section 35, Township 44 located one mile west of Morelan residence in Garden City, Mo. for $14,100.00. In 1917 the farm was sold for $22,933.00 and the family, except Harry David, moved to Manson, Iowa.

On January 1, 1911 Harry David was married to Maude Belle Yoder. They became the parents of four sons: Lawrence Ray (2-1-12) residing in Los Angeles, California married to Georgiana Rae Harris of Los Angeles, California (10-1-48). They have a daughter, Carla Rae, and a son, David Ray.

Elwood Clayton, residing in Louisville, Kentucky (7-27-14) was married 3-30-51 to Carrie McGuffey of Louisville, Kentucky. They have a daughter, Sharon, and son, Craig.

George Vincent, residing in Culver City, California (5-16-17) married to Virginia Lee Carter of Salina, Kansas on 10-11-47. They have a son, Bruce David, and a daugh, r, Mary Louise.

Harry Leon (11-5-22) was married to Lynn Martin on 1-21-49. They have one daughter, Christie. They were divorced and Harry Leon now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

At the age of 4, Harry David moved with his parents to Hartford, Kansas. Soon after the death of his mother in 1911, Harry left his family to live with his uncl in Flannagan, Illinois.

About 1909 Harry David came to Missouri and operated a farm just west of the Bethel Church. In 1917 he purchased a farm one mile east of the Eight Mile School on which he lived and farmed until his death in 1955 with the exception of two years 1921 and 1922 when he operated the C. D. Yoder farm, now the Ruben J. Yoder farm.

In the thirties and early forties, at an age when most athletes are over the hill, Harry participated in many state and local corn husking contests.

The Joseph J. Musselman Family.

CHESTER ELLIOTT MYERS

Chester Elliott Myers, the son of Johnson Elliott Myers and Nancy Alice Suddarth was born October 16, 1884. June 25, 1921 he married Vernie Irene Phillips, daughter of John and Minnie Laughlin Phillips, who owned and lived on a farm north of Harrisonville, Missouri. Vernie was a teacher and was superintendent of the Freeman school when she and Chester were married. They were parents of three children:

1. Anna Lee, who married Lloyal Dean Davenport. They farm north of Drexel, Missouri. Their children are: David Dean who is a Dr. of Veterinary Medicine. He married Mary Ann Dale and had a daughter Leigh Ann. He is now married to Mary Louise Williams; Edward Lee, who married Linda Pearl Fairbanks, from Archie, Missouri and farms near West Line, Missouri, and Paul Eugene, who married Regina Rae Davis from Weston, Missouri, and is a Captain and pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Vietnam War. Both are Missouri University graduates and are parents of two daughters, Tamra Jean and Tracy Renee.

2. Glenn Phillips Myers, who married Jane Gunderson from Sioux City, Iowa. He served in World War II. They farm and dairy on the home farm of his father Northwest of Freeman. Their children are: Nancy Louise, who lives and is employed in Springfield, Missouri; William Everett, who married Judy Connors and have a daughter, Melody Kay and reside north of Harrisonville, Mo.; John Phillips who lives at home and farms; Rhoda Faye and Ronald Wayne, twins, who are Juniors in the R1 Cass Midway High School.

3. Alice Faye, who married Glenn Olen Metheny and lives in Raymore, Missouri. They have two children; Glenn Elliott, who married Georgeann Lawson. He is employed by Pittman and she is a teacher in the Raymore Peculiar school. Both are Central Missouri State University graduates and live in Springdale Estates, Belton, Missouri, and Verna Joyce, who married Jack McCambridge. She is a registered nurse. They are parents of a daughter, Kelly Alice and live in Raymore, Missouri.

Chester Elliots' wife Vernie passed away August 3, 1946. On Oct. 10, 1968 he married Alta Hulett Peters, who was a teacher in her earlier years. They make their home on the farm where Chester was born. Chester has seen many changes. The coming of the automobile, the airplane, electricity and a much different way of farming than when he was a boy.

Chester Myers and children, Anna Lee, Glenn and Alice Faye.

EARL B. MYERS, SR.

Earl B. Myers Sr. was born in Cass Co., Mo. August 26, 1899, son of Jacob Marion Myers (born in Decatur Co., Indiana, son of James and Mary Jane (Elliott) Myers. Mary Jane Elliott was the daughter of Johnson and Letichia (Lans) Elliott and the granddaughter of Edward and Eleanor Elliott of Maryland. The Elliotts migrated in the 1790's to Kentucky, thence into Indiana. James Myers, born in Kentucky, was the son of Jacob and Nancy (Kerlin) Myers. Jacob was born in 1779 in Pennsylvania and Nancy, born 1783 in Virginia, they were married in Henry Co., Kentucky 1-12-1807. They also moved to Indiana. James and Mary Jane homesteaded in Winona Co., Minnesota and were the parents of twelve chil-

dren: Nancy, Martha Anne, Abigail J., Johnson Elliott, Lucinda, John, Elizabeth, Jacob Marion, Ellen, William and twin daughters born in 1857, Mary J. survived, the other twin and mother died. James returned to Decatur Co., Indiana and married Lucy J. Gentry. Their six children were Amanda Bell, Sophronia, Alice, Mildred, Robert and James Lincoln. James purchased land near Freeman in 1866 and lived there many years, moving to Minneapolis, Kansas where he died in 1893. Jacob Marion married in Cass Co., Missouri, Jan. 26, 1873, Mary Jane Bailey, daughter of W.J.R. and Elizabeth (Story) Bailey. W.J.R., born in Knox Co., Tennessee in 1825, son of William and Frances Bailey, and grandson of David Bailey. Elizabeth Story was the daughter of Greene Emery and Matilda (Hensley) Story. Jacob M. and Mary Jane Myers were the parents of ten children: Jesse Johnson, Harry Jackson, Bettie Ann, James Wesley, Lucy Matilda, Beulah May, Charles Elliott, Mary Ellen, John Leo, and Earl Bailey. Earl Bailey, Sr. married, Jan. 11, 1928, Hazel Eleanor Jennings, daughter of John Pryor and Carrie Lea (Saunders) Jennings. Earl Bailey and Hazel and three children: Mary Lou married W. L. (Dick) Farr, son of Roy and Mary (Wilson) Farr and they have three daughters: Lou Ann, who married Philip Johnson, Earlene and Linda, Travis Marie married Timothy Pentecost and resides in Montana, Earl Bailey, Jr. M. D. married Glenna Madeleone Morgan and have two sons: Earl Bailey III and David Glenn, who live in Independence, Kansas.

Jacob Myers, in 1914, homesteaded in Montana, returning several years later to Oklahoma. Jacob and Mary Jane are buried in the Red Rock, Oklahoma cemetery.

JOHNSON ELLIOTT MYERS

Johnson Elliott (Dick) Myers, son of James and Lucy Myers, was born in Decatur County, Westport, Indiana. When he was eleven years old he traveled with his parents by covered wagon to southeastern Minnesota. At the age of 18 he volunteered his services to the Union Army and served in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, guarding the Indians. May 4, 1866, he was honorably discharged and worked that summer breaking sod in Minnesota.

His father had gone back to Indiana and came to Missouri in the spring of 1866. Two small hard maple trees were brought in the covered wagon, one is still living.

Johnson Elliott Myers came to Missouri in the fall of 1866 and worked for a time on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad being built through the Freeman area. He settled on a farm 2 and ½ miles northwest of Freeman. The farm was later purchased by his son, Chester Elliott, who at age 91 still lives on this farm.

Johnson Elliott Myers was twice married. He first married Margaret Susan Harvel December 18, 1869. Five children were born; Ida, who married Charles Hill and lived in Wellsville, Kansas. James Keener, never married, accumulated considerable holdings, and lived in Enid, Oklahoma. Edward, served in the Spanish American War and passed away as a young man. Two children passed away in infancy. The wife and mother passed away in May, 1878.

His second marriage was to Nancy Alice Suddarth, September 14, 1881. She was the daughter of Ira and Manervia Jane Hymer Suddarth, former residents of Big Shoal in Clay County, Missouri. She was born December 7, 1862 and passed away July 26, 1956. To this marriage were born seven children all living to be 76 years and older. They are: 1. Millard Everett, married Minnie Dale MaGill, was Superintendent of the Freeman School in his early years. 2. Chester Elliott, married Vernie Irene Phillips, parents of three children; Anna Lee, Glenn Phillips, and Alice Faye. Chester married Alta Hulett Peters October 10, 1968. 3. Rhoda Lee, married Joseph McSpadden. One daughter was born, Nadine, who married Chauncy Page and resides in Raytown, Mo. 4. Jacob Floyd, (Bob), married Plaides Clark. Two children were born; Vera Louise married John Earl Parker, Jay Floyd married Connie Vogel. All but Jacob Floyd, who passed away in March, 1975, live in the Overland Park, Kansas area. 5. Hershall Ward, married Nelle Glass. They now reside in Harrisonville, Missouri and on March 17, 1976 celebrated 67 years of wedlock. They are parents of four; Lucille, Lincoln, Neb.; Elliott, deceased; Harold, Seattle, Wash. Robert, Silver Springs, Md. 6. Nancy Theo, married William Francis Palmer. She taught school for many years and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 7. Marshall Ray, married Opal Thompson and served in World War I.

The Johnson Elliott Myers Family.

Chester Elliot and Mrs. Myers reside on the Myers farm as does the son Glenn, his wife and three of their children. The farm now consists of 260 acres. Forty acres were sold to the Cass R1 Midway school for grounds on which to build the present school building.

MRS. EMMA McANINCH

Mrs. Emma McAninch was one of the six children of Barn Rowland and Fannie Doll Rowland, born west of Peculiar on December 27, 1884.

In 1902 she married Harry McAninch and three children were born to them: Naomi (Mrs. Joel Knight), Harrisonville; Lila Pearl (Mrs. Wilmer Bridgeforth), Belton; and a son, Fred, who died in 1965. Mr. and Mrs. McAninch lived on the farm for 34 years. After the death of her husband, Mrs. McAninch spent a great portion of her life nursing elderly citi-

zens in Cass County. Her health failed in 1967 and she retired to the Rest Home in Harrisonville, where she is able to assist in the care of former friends who also reside at the Rest Home.

DAVIE McCLAIN

Three McClain brothers and their families lived in the area that is now Louisville, Kentucky. They did not have slaves nor were they sympathetic to the North. In the 1850's they decided to move west. They settled in St. Clair County, Missouri. Davie's two brothers were killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War. He was the father of four children: William David, Lafe, Martha McClain Scott and John Samual.

William David McClain, born in St. Clair County in 1882 was married to Jenny Case (April, 1862-Dec. 21, 1948), daughter of John and Mary Case. They were the parents of four children: Carlos, Ada McClain Haden, Edgar and John Elmer.

John Elmer McClain (Sept. 14, 1885-Nov. 6, 1973) on March 24, 1912, married Eathel Wilson (Oct. 1885-May 1, 1929), daughter of James Richard Wilson (Sept. 11, 1844-Oct. 29, 1936) from Eddieville, Kentucky, and Mary Eliza Thomas. She was one of eleven children: Eathel Wilson McClain, Thomas (Tom) Wilson, Elbert Wilson, Charley Wilson, Walter Wilson, Stella Wilson Lord (mother of Dr. Clint Lord, Cass County), Ede Wilson Hill, Ira Wilson, Warner Wilson, Nell Wilson Clark and Mabel Wilson Stewart. They lived in St. Clair County and Mr. Wilson was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Wheatland. Eathel attended Marionville College and graduated from State Normal School (now SWMSU), approved to teach algebra and literature. She taught in Hickory and St. Clair Counties.

JOHN ELMER McCLAIN

In 1919, John Elmer McClain moved his young family from St. Clair County to Cass County, to a farm in the Austin community. It was here his last two sons were born. In 1929, his wife, Eathel, became ill and on May 1, 1929 died. They were active members of the Christian Church. His mother came to live with him to help care for the young family. In 1932, they moved to a larger farm east of Garden City, Missouri. The five sons grew up, and one at a time, left home. Mr. McClain no longer needed the farm. His mother had gone to live with a daughter, so in 1944 he had a sale and for a year traveled and visited his sons.

In 1945, with his sister and her husband, he purchased a farm near Mayview, Missouri and they made a home together with their aged mother. The brother-in-law, Elmer Haden, died suddenly of a heart attack. In September, 1945 they sold the farm and he, sister Ada, and their mother, Jenny McClain, returned to the home she had in Osceola, Missouri, St. Clair County. He never remarried and always enjoyed his sons and their families. He was a member of Masonic Lodge AF&AM #273, Osceola, Missouri, where he received his fifty year pin.

Sons of John Elmer and Eathel Wilson McClain were: 1. Aubrey David, Feb. 23, 1913 (14), St. Clair, Co., served in U.S. Marine Corps., Pacific Theater, World War II, Mason and Shriner, Abou Ben Adhem, Springfield; partner in Nevada Elect. Co.; married Louella Gregory, daughter of George and Retha Morgan Gregory, Drumright, Okla. Children: Tanya Jo. Apr. 30, 1954 and Gregory Dwain, Nov. 30, 1957. 2. Avis Wilson (Jim), Sept. 23, 1916, St. Clair Co.; served in U.S. Navy World War II; partner in McClain Bros. Elect. Corp., Harrisonville, Mo.; Mason and Shriner, Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo. married Virginia Lee Beck, Aug. 16, 1941, daughter of Charley and Jewel Bessenbocker Beck, Kansas City, Mo. Children: Julie Ann, Apr. 28, 1943, Jackson Co., Mo., who married Terry Cooper, Nov. 17, 1962 and had Michael Scott, Jeffery Lynn and Brian Dale; Mary Patricia, Dec. 12, 1946, Jackson Co., married Keith Baska, Aug. 23, 1969 and had David Keith and James Edward; James Michael, Aug. 20, 1950, married Mary Louise Chandler; Linda Kathleen, Jan. 14, 1955. 3. James Clifton, Aug. 18, 1918, St. Clair Co.; Served in the U.S. Army as Warrant Officer in Alaska and Aleutian Islands, World War II; Mason and Shriner; owner of Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Huntington, W. Va.; married Jessie Henshaw Fidler March 22, 1947, Children: Mary Eathel, Aug. 28, 1948, married Dennis Frazier and had Tylor Bames and Amy Anderson; and Amy Dianne, May 2, 1951 (degree summa cum laude, University of Tenn.) 4. Jack Richard, Sept. 15, 1920, Cass County; Served in U.S. Army World War II as Staff Sergeant, Signal Corps' Third Army under General Patton; partner in McClain Bros. Elect. Corp., Harrisonville, Mo., Mason and Shriner Ararat Temple, Kansas City. Married Katherine Louise Hochmuth, Jan. 18, 1948, daughter of Charley and Lillie Fichter Hochmuth, Children: Charles Richard, Dec. 19, 1948 (PHD in Oceanography, N.C. State U.) married Paula Jean Tietjens Dec. 19, 1970, daughter of Milton and Martha Mennis Tietjens; Carol Louise, Dec. 11, 1949, married Larry Glenn Hocker July 24, 1971, son of Glenn and Mary McClenny Hocker and had Holly Ann, Nov. 8, 1974 and Janice Mae, Jan. 31, 1961. 5. John Ervin, March 11, 1923, Cass Co., served in U.S. Army of Occupation in Japan; partner in Nevada Elect. Co., Nevada, Mo.; Mason. Married Betty Ruth Davis Feb. 16, 1947, daughter of Phil and Grace Barr Davis, of Cass Co. Children: John Scott, March 1, 1948; Deborah Ann, March 10, 1950 and Virginia Lou, March 20, 1951 (B.S. degree, SMSU, Springfield, Mo.

JOSEPH ANDREW McCLINTOCK

Joseph Andrew McClintock, born May 17, 1903, the son of Sally Grace Poyntz and Henry Kimbrough McClintock, born October 22, 1873 — died April 17, 1951, buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery; son of Sallie W. Kimbrough and Joseph Stiles McClintock, born September 17, 1837 — died in 1883, buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery; son of Rachel Corbin and Thomas McClintock, born in Paris, Kentucky on August 5, 1785 — died March 9, 1863, buried in Millersburg, Kentucky; son of Francis Clark and Daniel McClintock, born around 1741 — died in 1798; son of Elizabeth Torrence and Joseph

McCLintock, born in 1701, came to America in 1740 from Tyrone County, Ireland, died in 1799; son of John McClintock; son of Alexander Esquire II who died September 6, 1670; son of Alexander Esquire I who purchased the Rathdonall Estates in county Donegal, Ireland in 1597.

Joe A. McClintock was educated in the Storms school and the Westworth Military Academy at Lexington, Missouri. August 10, 1929, he married Kathryn Louise Downing, daughter of Carrie Colvin and Timothy Joseph Downing Jr. of Strasburg, Missouri. He pursued his agricultural heritage, purchased his first farm in 1941, 2½ miles east southeast of Pleasant Hill in Polk township. Having achieved his goals and desires early, he took time to be a gentle, kind and generous husband and father. This marriage produced one child, a son, Joseph Henry McClintock, born July 7, 1930 in the same dwelling as was his father, Joe A. and his grandfather, Henry K., which his great-grandfather, Joseph Stiles, built upon coming to the Jackson-Cass county line road from Bourbon county, Kentucky in 1871. Joseph Henry McClintock married Helen Jo Knorpp, daughter of Roberta E. Hunt and James Chester Knorpp of Pleasant Hill, on August 5, 1951 — the year of the great Missouri River flood in Kansas City, Missouri. Being of the same farm heritage and pioneer spirit as their ancestors these young people chose to carry on agriculture through a deep family commitment. This marriage brought forth two sons: Tim Knorpp McClintock, born February 6, 1955, died May 2, 1974, buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery; and Joseph Chester McClintock, born December 4, 1957 who is a senior in the Pleasant Hill High School in this year of 1976; living at home and carrying forward the family tradition as a farmer on both of his great-great-grandfathers' land.

JOHN McCOY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy were married September, 1902, and spent their entire lives in Cass County, Mo., where he operated a dray business in Creighton, Mo., and also drove the horse-drawn hearse for the Arnold funeral home there. Later they owned and operated a restaurant in Archie, Mo. for a number of years. From there moved to Harrisonville, where Mr. McCoy worked with the County Bridge construction.

In 1932 they moved to the Bishop farm east of Raymore, where they resided for nine years. In 1941, due to Mr. McCoy's failing health, they moved into Raymore where he passed away May, 1942. Mrs. McCoy continued to live in Raymore, until her death November, 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were the parents of five children, one son dying in infancy. Mrs. Ruth West, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Arnita Tillery, all of Raymore and a son, Leonard, of California, survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn West moved to Raymore in 1934. They celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, August, 1970. They have one son, John, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, all of California. John was a graduate of the Raymore school 1941, and served his country in World War II. Mr. West served as Mayor of Raymore for one term.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Long moved to Raymore in 1950. Mr. Long served one term as mayor of Raymore. They have one son, Damon Victor, Jr. of California. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding Anniversary in October, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tillery have lived in the Raymore community since 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Tillery have five children: Mildred of Raytown; Maxine of California; Bob of Lee's Summit; Rita of Raymore; Jim of Peculiar, also eight grandchildren. All five children attended Raymore school.

L. K. McDONNELL

Lloyd Karl McDonnell is a livestock producer and farmer in Everett Township west of Archie, the farm including land his grandfather McDonnell bought in 1904 after transferring from Austin Township.

L. K. and Rose Marie Erickson were married December 31, 1947. Both are graduates of Missouri University, and parents of three children: Michael Lloyd 12/23/47, Mark Erick 6/12/51, and Karla Ann 10/18/55.

He is a former Agriculture Extension Agent, President of International Flying Farmers, and ranched in Montana with the help of son Mark in the 1960s. Rose Marie is a homemaker and former school teacher, born 9/4/27 in Amsterdam, Bates County, to Ray and Mary Towers Erickson.

L. K. McDonnell was born 1/19/27 on the homeplace in Section 25 of Everett Township to J. K. McDonnell and Mary D. Vansandt McDonnell, the youngest of four children.

James Karl (J. K.) was a prominent farmer and stockman in Everett Township and a dedicated civic leader of the community. Mary (Dot) was a schoolteacher and homemaker, and no passerby was ever turned away from their table.

J. K. was the son of James McDonnell and Victoria McFerrin McDonnell, livestock producer and farmer and judge of Cass County. The members of the McDonnell Clan from Scotland (original spelling Macdonald) were all killed but one who fled to Ireland. Some immigrated to Canada in the 1700's and others in 1846, the year of the potato famine, where later James was born. The family moved to the Sciotia River Area in Ohio, and at the close of the Civil War settled at Austin, Missouri. Victoria's grandfather McFerrin sold his birthright in Scotland and came to America, settling in Tennessee, and from thence to Missouri in 1832, bringing livestock, equipment, and slaves with them. Victoria's father,

The L. K. McDonnell Family.

B nton McFerrin, was killed by the Kansas Redlegs on his farm on Eight Mile Creek in 1862.

Mary D. was daughter of Cassius Lorenzo and Millie Decker Vansandt. "Cash" was a sc'ooolteacher and farmer, the son of farmer Samuel Vinton and Eve Ann Vansandt, and grandson of Cassius Lorenzo Dow and Leah Rothgap Vansandt, who came to Cass C(unty in 1870 from Gallia County in Ohio, and was a Methodist minister in rural Cass County.

DANIEL McEOWEN

Daniel McEowen and his family were among the early pioneers of the Peculiar community. Dan arr .ed in Cass County in the early part of March, 1868, having come from Illinois. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in Company K of the One Hundred and Second Illinois Infantry in 1862.

Dan was a hard working and frugal man, and in seven years was able to purchase a farm which was located at what is now the south edge of the present city limits of Peculiar.

In the same year that he purchased the farm, Dan married Miss Mary Jane Knepp, December 17, 1875. Along with other pioneers, Dan and Mary Jane helped to establish and form the foundation for a thriving and enterprising community that would in every way be a good place to live.

To the union of Dan and Mary Jane McEowen, ten children were born: Avery, Frank, Lewis, Bell (Hutchison), Mayme (Cowger), John, Ethel (Masterson), Bertha (Shores), Gertrude, and Zaidee (Hardin). All of the children except Gertrude, who died in infancy, grew to maturity on the family farm. Each of them married and established homes in various parts of the country.

Only two of the families descendant from Dan and Mary now live in the Peculiar area. They are the family of Harold and Dorothy Cowger and the family of Ed and Helen Schug, children of Mayme McEowen, who married I. E. Cowger. Daniel Wesley McEowen, Superintendent of Harrisonville Schools from 1938 until his retirement in 1969, was the son of Avery McEowen. His widow, Mary Alice (Souther) McEowen lives in Harrisonville. Mary Alice was born in Strasburg, Missouri, the daughter of Edwin Marion and Irene Souther and granddaughter of J. J. and Irene (Scott) Warner, all of whom were Cass County residents.

GEORGE McGILL

George McGill married to Sarah (Sallie) Duvall, daughter of Thomas Duvall and Diana Davis. Their children were Noble married to Mary ??; Charles married Mollie Davidson, daughter of William P. Davidson and Lucy Zion. Their children were Charlie and Annie; Tom — no child; Louis married Sallie Morrison; Sallie married ?? Crenshaw and were parents of Mary Crenshaw, who married William Stark.

Children of Noble and Mary McGill were: Carolin Frances, Nelle, Willie, Roy, Leslie, Sarah, Elizabeth, Alice, Dora and Anna.

HARVEY McGRUDER

Harvey McGruder, the eldest son of Jefferson McGruder and Lizzie McGruder Graham was born in Harrisonville, Mo., April 23, 1893 and died in Phyllis Wheatley Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. on Sunday, November 19, 1922, after an illness which had extended over several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the Second Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon November 28, by the Reverend H. W. James of this city. Burial was in the Glenn Cemetery, southwest of Harrisonville.

Harvey was a young man of sterling qualities, lovable, kind and courteous. Once a friend, a friend always. He was one of the most popular boys of color in the city. He reflected the democratic spirit which ran the gamut of the McGruder family, a family that will long be remembered for its sterling worth both musical and intellectual.

Harvey was called to the colors in the great European struggle. He served with distinction with the 92nd Division, being promoted from Private to the rank of Sergeant. On his return home he manifested the true American spirit, so much so, that the American Legion turned out to give him a military burial. Harvey has followed in the footsteps of Edward McGruder, one of the stalwart citizens of Harrisonville, whose integrity and honesty were beyond question. The grandmother, Emma McGruder was much loved by both Negro and White citizens.

Harvey was survived by his mother Lizzie Graham, a brother Leo; and sisters Ethel, Laura, Daisy and a half brother Paul Graham, a host of cousins and his uncle, Levi McGruder, the last of the immediate McGruder family, Seattle, Washington. Levi, an accomplished musician and composer was with the Blind Boone Concert Company.

JAMES McKEE

James McKee, born about 1819 in Tennessee, accompanied by his younger brother John came to Van Buren County (now Cass County) before 1845 where they settled near Austin.

John was born about 1821 in Tennessee. He married Martha Wiles May 25, 1845 in Van Buren County and they had one child before Martha died, Mary E., born about 1846. John married a second time to the widow Sinthia Rider Oct. 22, 1848, and they had one child born about Nov., 1849. John was a farmer and died before May, 1859, in Cass County, and his family remained there.

James married Louisa Jane Best Sept. 17, 1846, in Van Buren County. Louisa was born about 1829 in Tennessee. James was the first blacksmith to open shop. They had three children: William, born about 1848, was killed while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War; Mary C., born about Jan. 1850; and Samuel Charles, born Oct. 14, 1851, all born in Cass County. James died when his son Samuel Charles was less than a year old.

Louise Jane McKee married a second time to John R. Tate Oct. 24, 1854. When order #11 was issued the family located in Harrisonville, Missouri, where they resided until the fall of 1864, then they went to Arrowsmith, Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tate spent the remainder of their days in Illinois.

James' son, Samuel Charles, returned to Cass County when he was an adult in 1873 and took charge of the old home place of his father in Cass County. On Feb. 24, 1875, he married Catherine Stumbaugh of Austin. To this union were born fourteen children: Magdaline, born May 6, 1876, married John W. Jones, died March 30, 1954; Bertha, born Aug. 22, 1877, died Aug. 30, 1877; Charles Wesley, born Dec. 10, 1878, married Pearl Forbs, died Nov. 14, 1963; Ida Ethel, born Nov. 29, 1880, married Lester Anderson, died May 10, 1962; Oscar Lawrence, born March 6, 1882, married Amanda Bertha Proetel, died March 22, 1945; Maude Estella, born June 2, 1884, married Oscar D. Warnick, died about June 6, 1970; Dora Juanita, born April 5, 1886, married Jack Bigler, died Feb. 2, 1922; Tempest Alice, born Nov. 2, 1887, married Fred Sweet, died March 19, 1965; Samuel Sullivan, born July 18, 1889, married Julia Elizabeth Trued, died Oct. 1, 1968, married second Lois Gould; Trixie Annetta, born March 19, 1891, married Willard H. Buston, died Jan. 1961; Hallie May, born June 16, 1893, married Joe Earnest Duvall, died Oct. 29, 1911; George Washington Stambaugh, born Sept. 2, 1895, married first Charlotte Emily Ferry, married second Gladys Kimzey, died Nov. 4, 1969; Olive Anna, born Oct. 29, 1897, married S. F. Faulkner, lives in Colorado; Stanley Charleton, born Dec. 24, 1901, married Edith Mae Houtz, lives in Butler, Missouri.

In 1883 Samuel Charles bought a farm eight miles southwest of Adrian, Bates County, Missouri. He was engaged in general farming and stock raising and raised Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. In 1921 the family moved to Merwin, Bates County, Missouri. He was a Democrat and filled the offices of Tax Collector and Constable, and was a member of the Farmers Alliance and Farmers Union. Samual Charles died June 19, 1926, in Merwin, and his wife Catherine died July 5, 1940, in Amsterdam, Bates County, Missouri.

RUSSELL M. McKEE

Russell Moffett McKee and Mabel Gertrude Maack were married in Kansas City, Missouri while both were attending Central College of Osteopathy. After receiving their D.O. degrees, they came to Belton in 1919 when their first son, John Richard, was only a few months old. They purchased a home in northeast Belton and established a practice. They became affectionately known as Dr. Russell and Dr. Gertrude. Two other children were born, Russell Moffett, Jr. and Mary Edith.

In 1927 they purchased property on Main Street, built an office and two years later, a home, connected to the office. They lived and practiced there for 35 years. They were active in many organizations during these years and Belton Methodist Church was foremost in their outside activities. Dr. Gertrude was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, also, Dorpha Club. Dr. Russell was on the school board from 1931 through 1939.

Dr. John R. McKee followed his parents in the practice of Osteopathic medicine. He took his pre-med at Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, and graduated from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine and interned at Lakeside Hospital; Kansas City, Missouri. The next 22 months were spent in the Hospital Corps of the United States Navy, during World War II, stationed at Farragut, Idaho. In April, 1946 he returned to Belton where he practiced with his parents. Dr. Gertrude retired in 1950 and Dr. Russell in 1955. Dr. John assumed the practice alone until Dr. John L. Moreland joined him in 1969. In July, 1975, Dr. John left private practice to assume a full time position at Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine — Center for Health Sciences as Director of Clinics and Professor of Family Medicine.

John R. McKee married Phoebe Rebecca Trotter and had three daughters, Marsha Ann, Linda Sue, and Ida Jane. The family are all members of Belton Methodist Church and active in numerous capacities of the church work, as well as school and civic organizations. Among these were Belton Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, the school bands, choirs and Booster Club. Dr. John served on the school board 12 years, 1955-1967. The daughters were in Girl Scouts, and Phoebe worked in local girl scouting for 10 years, 1952-1962.

Russell M. McKee, Jr. married Janet Louise Burke and their home is still in Belton. They are also active members of Belton Methodist Church and have participated in many community organizations and projects. Bud, as he is known, attended Central Methodist College and aircraft engine training schools in Kansas City and Connecticut. After the war he was employed at Belton Star Herald from 1946-1965. At present he is Publications Manager for the "Chronicle" with Sun Publications, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Janet is assistant cashier at the Bank of Belton.

Mary Edith McKee married John J. Russ and lives in Chula Vista, California. She graduated from Central Methodist College with a degree in music and taught music privately for a number of years. She is now employed at the Chula Vista Public Library. John is retired from the United States Navy. They had 2 children, John David and Carol Jean.

Phoebe McKee's mother, Emma West Berry, came to Belton from Kentucky in 1885 when she was 18 months old. Her parents were John Westley and Annie West Berry. Emma Berry was married to Joseph Pleasant Trotter, son of Pleasant Grant and Ada Rebecca Trotter. They had 2 children, Phoebe Rebecca and Joseph Pleasant.

Joe Trotter served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Seas. In 1949 he graduated from Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas. He married Winifred P. Westgate of Baldwin and has 3 children, Janice Elaine, Joseph Wynn and Jill Kay. Joe has been with United Telephone Systems since 1949 and is vice-president of Public Relations and Public Affairs.

Emma Berry graduated from Belton High School in 1905 and, at present, is the oldest living graduate.

CHARLES HENRY McKINLEY

John Henry McKinley (1850-1935) was born in Pecatonica, Illinois, the son of Kezia (d. 1854) and John William McKinley (1827-1878). He married Sarah Elizabeth Nichols (1855-1940), daughter of Elizabeth and Daniel Nichols, on June 11, 1870 at Kansas City, Mo. The Nichols were originally from Iowa, but it is believed Sarah was born in early Kansas City. John and Sarah traded for land in Sections 22,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McKinley.

27 and 34 of Aubry Twp., Johnson Co., Kansas in 1872, located in what was known as the Black Bob Shawnee Indian Reservation. There they raised eight of their eleven children to adulthood and lived 63 years together.

Charles Henry McKinley (1874-1945), son of Sarah and John H. McKinley, was married in 1899 at Old Santa Fe, to Velma I. Kinnison (1884-1975). Velma was the daughter of Eliza J. (Wright) and Wesley Kinnison, and was one of eight children: Iva Worley, Grace Ashbaugh, Fannie Golston, and George, Alva, Lloyd and Henry Kinnison. Charles and Velma bought a farm in Sec. 33, Aubry, Twp., in 1903. Charles also was in construction, helping to build the Mo. Pacific Railroad through that area, furnishing 32 teams of horses and mules with drivers. They owned and operated the hotel and livery stable at Stilwell before moving to the Belton community. Charles and Velma were the parents of Sarah Ellen (McKinley) Eisele, John Wesley McKinley and Elmer Newton McKinley.

Sarah Ellen McKinley (1902-1953) married Oral Eisele in 1921. She was employed as a seamstress for 18 years and was a resident of Belton at the time of her death.

John Wesley McKinley was united in marriage to Flossie E. Ash, daughter of Mary R. (Hankins) and George W. Ash, in 1924 at Belton. Wesley managed the Westervelt Orchard from 1925 to 1940 where the family was active in the High Blue community. During WW II, he was employed at Sheffield Steel Corp. during which time he also started dairying which he continued for 25 years. They are now retired and still reside on their farm at Jaudon.

Wesley and Flossie have three daughters, all of whom live in the Belton area: Margie M. (McKinley) Dimick is married to D. Kent Dimick, and they have four children, Dana K., Damon K., Diana K., and D. Kevin. Diana (Dimick) Sullivan is married to Andrew Sullivan and they have a son, Brian Andrew and they also have a daughter, Nichole Annette Burton by Diana's previous marriage; Dorothy E. (McKinley) Lane is the wife of G. Barker Lane III and they have a daughter, Sandra Edith; Mary I. (McKinley) Laffoon is married to Billy Dean Laffoon and they have a daughter, Brenda Lee.

Elmer Newton McKinley married Enid L. Olson, daughter of Irene B. (Imel) and Harry M. J. Olson. They were married, in 1941, at the Olson farm home which is now a part of the Richard's Gebaur AFB. Elmer served with the Landingcraft Repair Unit #1 in the U.S. Navy during WW II, and was stationed in the Florida Islands. He retired from Bendix Aviation as a senior tool design engineer, in 1973, and is employed for the City of Belton as city inspector.

Elmer and Enid have five children: Anita L. (McKinley) Kuhn is married to Jack W. Kuhn and they have two children, Lisa Louise and Shawn Leigh, and are residents of Harrisonville; Sylvia A. (McKinley) Amborn is a nurse clinician and resides in Shawnee, Kansas; Leanne K. (McKinley) Dial is the wife of Larry D. Dial of Belton; and Richard W. McKinley and Jeanette Lynn McKinley are of the home.

Three generations of McKinleys have attended Belton, Mo. schools.

THOMAS NELSON McKINLEY

Thomas Nelson McKinley, son of Sarah Elizabeth (Nickols) and John Henry McKinley was born Aug. 27, 1891 in Johnson Co., Kansas. His parents settled on a farm in the Stilwell area close to the Mo.-Kan. state line in 1872 where they raised eight of their eleven children to adulthood and both lived to be 85 years of age. They were the parents of William W., Charles Henry, Rosa E. Fitzjerald, M. Elizabeth Hallisey, D. Newton, Thomas N., Earl O., and Fannie G. Kinnison who resides at Stilwell, Kansas. Fred, John and Elsie died as children. John Henry McKinley was elected Road Overseer for Dist. No. 1, Aubry Twp. for forty-five years.

Thomas Nelson McKinley was united in marriage to Rosa Bell (Rosie) Whitaker, on Oct. 2, 1916. Rosa, born March 5, 1897, is the daughter of Eliza Ellen (Shepard) (1872-1946) and Sherdian Phillip Whitaker (b.3-25-1869) of Belton. She had three sisters and three brothers; Gertie May (d. at age 5); Nancy Rachel (Nannie) Lawrence; Willie (Buck) Whitaker (d.); Sherman Whitaker (d.); Etta May Logan; and Estel Whitaker (d.).

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley lived in Belton where Tom ran a transfer service for seven years prior to moving to Kansas City in 1928. There he was employed at the U.S. Cold Storage Company where he remained for 30 years until his retirement in 1968. Thomas and Rosa are the parents of six children: Thomas Oscar died in infancy; Cecil Allen; Esther Louise (Doll) Larkey; Harold Vernon (d.); Rosalie Tabor; and Marvin Nelson.

Cecil Allen McKinley married Dorothy Hedges and they have three children: Dixie Lee McKinley married Selby Denton Nelson and they have a daughter Sonya Leigh; Thomas Allen McKinley (1945-1969) married Janet Kramer and they had three children, Belinda Ann, Robert Allen and Daniel Shane; and Phillip Dean McKinley of the home address. Cecil is an electrician.

Esther Louise (Doll) McKinley married Elmer Walton Larkey and they have three children: Carol Louise Larkey married Billy Gene Warner, Sr. and they have three children, Katherine Rosa, Billy Gene, Jr., and Christina Louise; Elmer Walton Larkey, Jr. married Judy Setter and their four boys are Jeffrey David, Michall Walton, Gregory Thomas and Norman Keith; Karen Sue Larkey is married to Ronald Hawkins and they have two boys by Karen's previous marriage, Larry Gene and Travis Edward Warner.

Harold Vernon McKinley (1923-1954) was united in marriage to Doreen Jean Gladwell of London, England. He met his wife while serving in the USAF in the ETO with the 35th Air Defense Group in WW II. They had one daughter, Mary Jane (McKinley) Wickings, now married to Reg Wickings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinley.

Rosalie (McKinley) Tabor has five children; Patricia Ann (Dennis) Denkler, Wendall Ray Dennis, Riley Lee Bridegan died in infancy, Robert Lee Bridegan and Francis Eugene Bridegan. Patricia Ann Denkler has three children; Curtis Ray, Teresa, and Charles Wayne. Wendall Ray Dennis, a USA veteran, and his wife, Celia Velasco, have a son, Michael Harold, and two children by Wendall's previous marriage, Christal Rena and Garry. Robert Lee Bridegan, a USA veteran, and his wife Annette Ervin live in Grandview. Francis Eugene Bridegan is of the home address.

Marvin Nelson McKinley married Lorraine Byer and they have three children: Mary Rose, Brenda Lee and Thomas John. Marvin, a veteran of WW II, lives in Kansas City where he is employed with Morris Gordan, Inc. Vending Machines.

Tom and Rosa presently reside at 120 E. South Ave. in Belton and will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

JOHN McNEIL

Fedelia Clementine Harper, born July 27, 1863 in Farifield, Ohio, married, as his second wife, John McNeil on Nov. 16, 1887. His first wife (Shorb) had died of tuberculosis. She was expecting her third child when she died suddenly at the age of 33, on May 7, 1890. After her death, both children went to her sister's home where they remained until their father remarried and came for them. The girls were unhappy with their stepmother and after a time ran away from home. Carrie Belle (Hazel) lived with Sam and Ola May until she was eighteen and Bessie lived with the McNeils until she was grown.

1. Hazel Viola McNeil (Carrie Belle), her father named his two daughters after a pair of mules he owned, Bessie and Belle. The Harpers did not like the name and changed Carrie Belle to Hazel Viola. She was born Nov. 16, 1899 near Drexel. She went to California at the age of eighteen on Aug. 3, 1907. She married Theodore C. Anderson, who was born Mar. 4, 1889 at Chicago, Ill., at San Diego, Ca. on July 13, 1910. Mr. Anderson was a policeman. They had three children: 1. Hazel May Anderson, born Dec. 14, 1918 at San Diego, who married Lloyd Richard Baysinger Aug. 4, 1936 at Santa Ana, Ca. and had Barbara Belle Baysinger, born Aug. 26, 1937. Mr. Baysinger was born at Topeka, Ks. July 8, 1913. 2. Helen McNeil Anderson, born Feb. 10, 1921 at San Diego, Ca. married Glen Ernest Treadwell at Yuma, Arizona. He was born Mar. 17, 1915 at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Glennie Earnest Treadwell was born May 12, 1941 and the twins, Terry Neal and Tawn Nanette were born Mar. 27, 1948. 3. Augusta Belle Anderson was born July 3, 1922 at San Diego, Ca. and married June 21, 1950 at Santa Monica, Ca., Eugene Francis Lavender, who was born Apr. 14, 1916 at Denver, Colorado. They lived at Venice, Ca. and their daughter, Hazel Irene Lavendar was born Dec. 9, 1951.

2. Bessie McNeil was born Aug. 29, 1888 near Old Rosier in Bates Co., Mo. She was raised by her uncle McNeil and was married at Farlinville, Kansas Sept. 30, 1908 to John Thompson. He was born July 22, 1883 at Farlinville, Kansas and died Jan. 18, 1945. They had a poultry and egg business in Tulare, California. Their six children were: 1. Thelma Maude Thompson, born Aug. 1, 1909 at Farlinville, Ks. She married Robert James Nicol July 3, 1927 at Ventura, Ca. He was born Nov., 1904 at Souris, N.D. They had two children: Bessie Carolyn, born Sept. 1, 1928, who married John Lawrence Dec. 23, 1954 at Tulare and Dorothy Darlene Nicol, born Oct. 9, 1931, Tulare, Ca., who married William Lee Cox June 29, 1951 at Tulare. 2. John Waldo Thompson, born Aug. 14, 1911 at Glendora, Ca. 3. Helen Ruth Thompson, born Mar. 9, 1913 at Farlinville, Ks, married Leonard Earl Nicol Aug. 6, 1931 at Tulare, Ca. He was born Dec. 28, 1908 at Souris, N.D. They had two children; Marlene Ann Nicol, born Oct. 30, 1937 at Tulare and Leonard Earl Nicol, Jr. born Feb. 3, 1942 at Watsonville, Ca. 4. Besse Vera Thompson, born Aug. 28, 1915, Farlinville, Ks., married Guy Otis Thompson on Apr. 14, 1935 at Tulare, Ca. He was born Apr. 14, 1914 at Corning, Ca. They have four children, Gerald Guy, born July 9, 1936, Tulare, died 1955; Tommy Charles, born July 11, 1939, Tulare; Sharon Lynn, born Apr. 26, 1942, Fresno, Ca. and John David, born Sept. 22, 1917, Fresno, Ca. 5. George Charles Thompson, born Sept. 22, 1917 at Tulare, Ca, died Oct. 20, 1937, Tulare. 6. Alice Jane Thompson, born Nov. 13, 1920, Tulare, Ca., married Edward Hervey Martin May 30, 1941 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born Sept. 21, 1920 at Burbank, Ca. and served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II. They had three children: Susan Jane, born Sept. 1, 1942, Burbank, Ca.; Kathleen Ann, born July 20, 1947, Tulare, Ca. and Edward Hervey, Jr., born July 14, 1951, Fresno, Ca.

CARROLL BAILEY McROBERTS

Carroll Bailey McRoberts was born September 19, 1820 in Kentucky. He married Lucinda Smith in 1841 near Danville, Kentucky. Lucinda was born November 8, 1924 near Danville, Kentucky, a daughter of Ephraim Smith and Elizabeth Pope.

After their marriage Carroll and Lucinda migrated to Missouri. By trade Carroll was a carpenter and farmer. On July 1, 1848, they acquired 40 acres in Cass Co. (then Van Buren County) from the United States Government.

Prior to 1860, the family moved to Johnson County, Kansas where they became prosperous but did not enjoy this prosperity for long as the boarder warfare and the civil war changed their lives. At one time a group of raiders shot at Carroll, wounding him and leaving him for dead. Later, the family was forced to move back to Cass County, Missouri and leave their home, land and possessions. Lucinda gathered her children and what furnishings she could get into the wagon and left for Missouri; but some men overtook her, stole the horses and left

Lucinda Smith McRoberts.

her and the children stranded. Somehow they still managed to get to Missouri.

Carroll and Lucinda had eight children, all of whom were born in Missouri except Samuel, who was born in Kansas. 1. Ephraim Smith McRoberts, born September 1845 in Missouri and died December 2, 1927 in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, California. 2. Winfield Scott McRoberts, born October 18, 1851 in Jackson County, Missouri, died April 15, 1928 in Hawthorne, Los Angeles, Calif., married Neanomid Alice Dresser October 13, 1885 in Belton, Missouri. Neanomid's father, Benjamin Franklin Dresser, was on the first Board of Trustees for the town of Belton and later became one of Beltons' mayors in the 1880's. 3. Mary Elizabeth McRoberts, born April 9, 1853 in Harrisonville, Mo., died March 14, 1933 in Monrovia, L.A., Calif., married Samuel Holton Smiser. 4. Nancy May McRoberts, born September 29, 1856 in Independence, Mo., died January 30, 1945 at Los Angeles, Calif., married Edward A. Starr. 5. Amanda Bruce McRoberts, born May 13, 1859 in Independence, Mo., died July 26, 1899 at Otter Creek, Greenwood, Kansas, married Lemuel H. Ezell on January 15, 1882. 6. Samuel Baughman McRoberts, born January 8, 1861 in Stanley, Johnson, Kansas, died June 5, 1939 at Kansas City, Mo. He is buried in Harrisonville, Mo. at Orient East Cemetery. He married 1st, Ettie May Fowler December 17, 1903 in Harrisonville, Mo., she died December 6, 1909 at Harrisonville and is buried in Orient East Cemetery. Married 2nd, Gertrude Lillian Denham on March 27, 1913 in Harrisonville. 7. Anna Broadus McRoberts, born in about 1864 in Missouri, married Robert Cannon. 8. Robert E. Lee McRoberts, born in 1866 in Paris, Missouri, died September 7, 1926 at Marceline, Linn, Mo. He is buried in Harrisonville at Orient East Cemetery.

The McRoberts family moved to wherever the fathers work took him; but Cass Co. seemed to be their main home. Even in Lucinda's will she requested being taken home to be buried next to her husband; but since she was in New Mexico at the time of her death that is where she is buried.

The family were members of the Baptist Church and they were Democrats. All the children at one time taught school, except Anna. Carroll built the Methodist Episcopal Church in Harrisonville, with the help of another man. The reflection of the sun shining on the steeple covered with tin left him practically blind the remainder of his life.

Carroll Bailey McRoberts died February 28, 1884 and is buried in Brown Cemetery in Cass County. After Carroll's death the family stayed at the farm, which was about 5 miles northwest of Harrisonville and known as the Ussery farm. Nancy gave up teaching to be with her mother and the boys helped run the farm. On March 19, 1886 Lucinda sold the farm to her son, Winfield. In 1893 Lucinda moved to Raton, New Mexico for health reasons and there she died on May 27, 1908.

JOSEPH J. MAURER

Joseph J. Maurer and his family came to Missouri in July 1960 from Nyack, New York, in Rockland County. He was graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. In June 1963, he was named managing editor of The Belton (Mo.) Star-Herald, a weekly newspaper established in 1892. A local corporation formed in 1965 purchased the newspaper and Maurer, a majority stockholder, became corporation president and retained his duties as managing editor. Prior to the move to Missouri, Maurer had been associated for 11 years with the Rockland County Journal-News. His father was with the same newspaper from 1918 until his death in 1958. Joseph J. served with the U.S. Navy aboard the attack transport George Clymer from October 1945 until November 1946. He married the former Dodie Gates Le Vee.

Maurer was born in Nyack September 10, 1927, the third son and youngest child of Edward J. (E.J.) and Belle Stein Maurer. The oldest son, Edward J. (born June 20, 1921) lives in Austin, Texas. The middle son, Walter A., also was born in Nyack July 8, 1925, and died in Austin, June 23, 1975.

E. J. Maurer (born Brooklyn, New York, November 27, 1897, died December 29, 1958, Nyack) was the son of Edward L. Maurer (born Brooklyn September 5, 1874, died Spring Valley, New York, 1963) and Margaret Geier (born Brooklyn, June 2, 1880, died Nyack, 1953). Edward L.'s father was Valentine Maurer (born Baden, Germany, bruary 12, 1827) and his mother was Katherine Korzelins (born Germany, November 4, 1827). Valentine's parents were Phillip J. Maurer (born Koln, Cologne, Germany) and (?) Metzgar, probably born in Holland.

Margaret Geier's parents were Francis X. Geier (born Frankfurt, Germany, August 30, 1840) and Anna Stoffel, born in Brooklyn, New York.

Belle Stein Maurer (born November 3, 1897, Rockland Lake, New York, died July 26, 1962, Nyack) was the daughter of Lucy Cera (born Germany, 1867) and John Frank Stein (Stalis) born in Austria in 1866. Belle was one of three children.

Dodie Le Vee Maurer (born September 13, 1927, Poughkeepsie, New York) is the oldest child of Clarence Hughes Le Vee (born Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 9, 1902) and Ruth Gates Le Vee (born Buffalo, New York, April 6, 1903, died Mexico, Missouri, April 30, 1973). They were also the parents of Joan Hughes Le Vee (born August 23, 1931, Newburgh, New York) and Louis Gates Le Vee (born October 14, 1933, Newburgh, New York). Clarence Le Vee graduated with an electrical engineering degree in 1924 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, New York. He served with the 53rd and 123rd Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was the sixth and youngest child of Louis Spencer Le Vee (born March 13, 1864, died November 19, 1953, Little Rock, Arkansas) and Martha Hughes Le Vee (born Streetsville, Ontario, Canada, September 3, 1867, died Jacksonville, da, March 4, 1947). Louis Spencer grew up around Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He immigrated

The Joseph J. Maurer Family.

to Canada about 1883, returning to the United States (Buffalo, New York) in 1914. His father came from Alsace Lorraine and the name was originally Levkee. Martha Hughes' ancestors were Irish.

Ruth Gates Le Vee was the only child of Harry Douglas Gates (born No. Bennington, Vermont, April 17, 1870, died Newburgh, New York, November 13, 1940) and Dorothy M. McNamara (born Buffalo, New York, December 27, 1878, died Cornwall, New York, June 5, 1933).

Harry Douglas Gates was the only child of Oscar Lincoln Gates (born Wardesboro, Vermont, October 9, 1840, died North Bennington, Vermont, October 29, 1872) and Alida E. McElwain (born Lenox, Mass., April 3, 1843, died Buffalo, New York, January 15, 1890). Oscar Lincoln Gates, eighth generation in America, descended from Stephen Gates, who came from Hingham, England, to Hingham, Massachusetts Bay, America, on the ship "Diligent" of Ipswich, England, in 1638. Stephen was a descendent of the Thomas Gates family of Semer, Yorkshire and Essex, England, records of which date back to 1327. Oscar's great-grandfather was Silas Gates (born December 1, 1756, Worcester, Massachusetts, died August 21, 1828). He was a corporal on the payrolls of Captain Gleason's company in Rhode Island, June 26, 1777; a corporal in Captain Hubbard's company from September 20 to December 9, 1777, and a sergeant in Captain Lakin's company from September 20, 1779, to November 23, 1779. He is buried in the "Old Parish" Cemetery, South Newfane, (Williamsville), Vermont.

Oscar's wife, Alida, was the daughter of David W. McElwain and Harriet Ann Whitaker of North Adams, Massachusetts. Harriet Ann's father was Ezra D. Whitaker (born June 21, 1797). He married Juliann Sapham in Adams, Massachusetts, July, 1818.

The five children of Joseph J. and Dodie L. Maurer are Michele Ruth (born Pearl River, New York, November 30, 1951); Kathleen Elizabeth (born Nyack, December 10, 1954); Mary-Jo Isabelle (born Nyack, June 22, 1957); Edward Le Vee (born Nyack, February 1, 1959), and Patricia Anne (born Mexico, Missouri, August 11, 1960).

Mrs. Wilmott Parrott and daughter Vera Lane in 1916.

Eddie Lee Brannock in 1891.

The Raymore Band in 1902. J. N. Barron was fourth from left in back row.

The Kiwanis Quartet was well known in the 1930's. Members were James D. Idol, Harry H. Bird, Jack Moody, L. M. Crouch, Jr. and Ernest Shepherd, accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lasley of Raymore with fine horses and sleigh. Picture taken in 1909.

The Frank Napton Family in 1947.

JOHN W. NAPTON

John W. Napton came to Cass County, Missouri, from Saline County, Missouri, in the year 1869 and purchased an eighty-acre farm and forty acres of timberland from Daniel Lawrence on May 15, 1869. On this land he built a house, having to haul the lumber from Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

On April 20, 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Jane Smith of Saline County, Missouri, at the Methodist Parsonage in Saint Louis, Missouri and they came to Cass County to make their home.

In the year 1871 he purchased an adjoining eighty-acres of land from Charles Miller, making the farm one hundred-sixty acres, where they spent their entire married life. They became the parents of four children, one dying in infancy, John (Jack) Barclay died at the age of 23 of an accident on the railroad in Kansas City, Missouri. One daughter, Virginia May Napton, married Edward T. Cox, they became the parents of seven children one died during infancy. Edward Cox died Oct. 14, 1934 at Winslow, Arkansas. May Cox passed away Dec. 16, 1941 at Abilene, Kansas. Another son Frank W. Napton was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Ethel Williams at Harrisonville, Missouri, she was a daughter of Benjamin A. and Vinecy Williams of near Lisle, Missouri. They became the parents of nine children, six are still living at this time, one daughter, Edyth Golda, passed away Sept. 24, 1922 at the age of five from diphtheria.

Charley C. Napton married Ruby Bodenhamer, parents of two children, Charlotte Napton and Wayne Napton. Charlotte married Bobby G. Lane, they have three children, Charles Lane, Billy Lane and Patricia Lane. Charley passed away April 21, 1967.

Martha (Mattie) J. Napton married Archie L. Schmoll, parents of two children, Joyce Schmoll and Max Schmoll. Joyce married Freddie L. Francy, they have one daughter, Marcia Francy. Max married Gayle Prewitt, they have one daughter, Amy Schmoll. Mattie passed away August 16, 1952.

Sylva J. Napton married John M. Ison, they have one son, Larry D. Ison.

Gladys O. Napton married Edgar H. Christiansen, they have two children, Judith Christiansen and Delwyn Christiansen.

Letha F. Napton married Harlan W. Schultz, they have two children, Don H. Schultz and Joan Schultz. Don married Susan Witt, they have two children, Sheri Schultz and David Schultz.

Clyde E. Napton married Eunice Ketner, they have three children, Darrell Napton, Philip Napton, and Janice Napton. Philip married Linda LoChiano.

Bernice A. Napton and A. Nadine Napton live on the farm and in the original house which their Grandfather built in 1869.

Frank Napton purchased other land near his home, he spent his entire life on the farm where he was born and passed away Feb. 13, 1952, L. Ethel Napton passed away Dec. 21, 1968.

ANDREW G. NUGENT

Andrew G. Newgent/Nugent, from Dayton and Austin, Missouri, was the son of Benedict and Lydia Nugent/Newgent. Benedict had at least seven children and two of these children became well known residents of Cass County, Missouri. Lucinda was born about 1813 in Indiana and married Lewis Berdine Huff, and the second child, Andrew G., was born Oct. 13, 1816, in Clark County, Indiana. He married first to Dorcas J. Powers, granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier who was in Washington's personal command seven years. Andrew G. and Dorcas had at least five children: Bennett F., born about 1842, Indiana; Julia, born about 1844, Indiana; Levi, born about 1848, Indiana; James, born about 1856, Cass County, Missouri; and Ann H., born Feb. 1860, Cass County, Missouri.

In 1852, Andrew G. and his family came to Cass County and settled at Dayton. He was a Baptist minister and circuit rider. His name is mentioned many times in the early records. Andrew G. had his mother living with them in Sugarcreek Township in 1860.

On June 27, 1861, Andrew G. enlisted as a Union soldier at Austin in Co. "B" Cass County Regiment of Missouri Home Guard. (The Cass County, Missouri, Home Guards was a Home Guard Force composed of eight companies.) Before long he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and commanded from its organization, the 2nd Battalion of the Missouri State Militia Cavalary. He told of a dreadful snowstorm on Jan. 12, 1862, when the Regiment was headed for Harrisonville, and they had no cover for camp equipment and supplies and had to sleep in the storm without cover of any kind. He stated "the men of my command have passed through many hardships".

After losing his first wife, Andrew G. married a second time to the widow, Susan E. Miner, in Kansas City, Missouri, on Nov. 10, 1872.

By 1884 Andrew G. and his family lived in Rich Hill, Bates County, Missouri. He was a merchant. He died July 9, 1893, in Independence, and is buried in Union Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. Susan died Nov. 14, 1904, in Independence.

LAWRENCE E. OLSON

Lawrence Eugene (Gene) and Bonnie Lea (McNeill) Olson moved to Harrisonville, February 2, 1950, upon his graduation from the University of Missouri-College of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri. "Gene" was employed by the Cass County Farm Bureau and the University of Missouri Extension Service as Assistant County Agent of Cass County.

Two daughters, Kathryn Lea (1950) and Karen Jean (1953) were born in Harrisonville. Kathryn married Michael Dennis Lefman (1949), of Higginsville, Missouri in 1970. They have a daughter, Lori Ann (1971), born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Karen is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

The Olsons
Karen Jean,
Kathryn Lea,
Bonnie Lea,
Lawrence E.
"Gene".

The Olsons were originally from Southwest Missouri, both graduated from high school at Lockwood, Missouri. Between high school and college, Gene served in the U.S. Army as a Para-trooper during WW II on Luzon in the Philippine Islands, Okinawa and Occupation Forces in Japan.

"Gene", the son of Lee Lawrence (1904-) and Goldie Fern (Duvall) (1906-) Olson, was born on a farm near Miller, Missouri. His father was born on the same farm, which he still owns and operates. The father of Lee Lawrence was Peeter Olee Olson (1836-1915) who immigrated from Norway to Wisconsin. He was a member of the Wisconsin 8th Infantry during the Civil War and marched with General Sherman "from Atlanta to the Sea".

The Duvall Family moved to Southwest Missouri from Russellville, Kentucky, November 1, 1867. Josef Duvall (the great-grandfather of Goldie Olson) built the first schoolhouse in the area on the family farm near Gray's Point, Missouri. A log cabin built for his family, still stands on the farm.

Bonnie Lea is the daughter of James R. (1882-1957) and Alva Lora (McGown) (1892-1949) McNeill. James R. moved to Missouri from New London, Kentucky in 1889. His father, James H. McNeill (1822-1902) was a captain in the Union Army during the Civil War. The McNeill family are descendants of John Crew and Elizabeth Douglas McNeill, who came to North Carolina from Ayersford, Scotland in 1769.

The father of Alva Lora (McGown) was Samuel L. McGown (1858-1942) and her mother was Mary (Robinson) McGown (1862-1934).

After starting in 1950 as Assistant County Agent, "Gene" held the extension positions of Associate County Agent in Charge of Balanced Farming (1951-1970) and Area Farm Management Specialist (1970-).

CECIL FORD ORR

Mr. Cecil Ford Orr was born near Austin, Mo., Oct. 12, 1924 and lived on a farm near Archie for 5 years during his early school years. His father was Mr. Ford Lyle Orr, who was born on Dec. 27, 1890 near Hays City, Kansas and died July 12, 1972, Harrisonville, Mo. and is buried in Garden City Cemetery. His grandfather, Anson Dyer Orr's family came to Mo. from Unionville, Ohio. Anson Dyer's father, William Orr, is buried in the Northwest corner of the Unionville, Ohio Cemetery along with other members of his family. The Orr family is descended from James Orr, immigrant, from N. Ireland and Wales, who came to Maryland approximately in 1739 and was married to Mary Dale, sister of Commodore Dale of Revolutionary War fame. Mary Dale's ancestry dates back to Alvosino 1st Duke of Tuscany, d. 683 A.D.

Mr. Orr's mother was Mabel Claire Moon, born May 30, 1891, Humansville, Mo. and died June 4, 1961, married Feb. 16, 1915, buried in Garden City Cemetery. Mrs. Orr's father was Lucian Moon who was a schoolteacher all of his life. Several of his children, including Mrs. Mabel Orr, were teachers, also. Mrs. Orr's mother's name was Susan Williams. The Moon family reputedly trace back to a captain of the guard in Napoleon's Army, and another ancestor reputedly sailed with Magellan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lyle Orr had three children, Carl Milner, Cecil Ford, and Dorothy Marie. Carl married Vera Gilkeson daughter of George Gilkeson of Garden City, and had two children, Larry and Caroline. Dorothy married Elton Crust of Garden City, and had two children, Marie and D. L. (Don Lyle). In the spring of 1936 the family moved to a farm west of Garden City and the children attended Farmer's View School, a small country school. Later Cecil and Dorothy attended high school at Garden City. Cecil was a good student, being valedictorian of his high school class when he graduated in 1942. On July 7, 1946, he married Lucia Minerva Moore, of Garden City, who was born Nov. 19, 1926, near Garden City. Her parents are Mr. Earl and Mrs. Lucia Minerva Redfield Moore. Mrs. Elsia Barbara Agan Redfield Riffle, maternal grandmother is still living and is 91 years old on Feb. 11, 1973. A son, Lincoln Redfield, was accidentally shot in the arm while hunting and died soon after when he was only 18 years old. A daughter, Creta, died of pneumonia while still a baby. Mrs. Moore's father, Chester Redfield, died in June, 1926 and was born at Galesburg, Ill. on Aug. 13, 1879. He is buried in Garden City Cemetery. Mrs. Moore's ancestry includes a number of Elders and preachers, the most well-known of whom was Thomas Hooker of Conn. The Parson ancestry begins in this country with Cornet Joseph Parsons, 1630, Mass. The Redfield line descends from Priscilla Mullins (Mollineau) and John Alden of Plymouth, Mass., passengers on the Mayflower. The paternal ancestry (Moore) stems from

Alaxander Moore of Greene Co., N.C., McMinn Co., Tenn., and Jefferson Co., Illinois. Mr. Earl Moore was a rural mail carrier for many years in Garden City, Mo. until he retired to a farm north of Garden City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Orr have two sons, Roger Earl and Stephen Ford, who attended school in Garden City and college at Central Mo. State University at Warrensburg, Mo., where Mrs. Orr also has her B.S. in Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Orr and sons, Roger and Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr have lived on their farm 3 3/4 mi. west of Garden City since their marriage in 1946. Mr. Orr engages in diversified farming and also has cattle, hogs and chickens. Mrs. Orr is an elementary teacher, having taught throughout their marriage in country schools, the Garden City School and Raymore-Peculiar School. Besides teaching, Mrs. Orr is interested both in music and art, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Garden City Chapter #340, Cass Co. Historical Society, and Mary Sibley Chapter, DAR, Harrisonville, Mo. Mr. Orr has served as member and President of the Sherwood Cass R-8 School Board, member of the Masons, Index Lodge AF&AM #54, and Cass Co. Shriners. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have served their community for many years through their church, Garden City Baptist, where Mr. Orr is a deacon and treasurer and Mrs. Orr has served as music director.

ALBERT OSBORN

About the year 1871, Albert Osborn and members of his family left their native Floyd County, Kentucky for the West. With Albert were his wife, Mary (daughter of Drury Burchett and wife, Elizabeth McCowan), and probably 4 or 5 children including DeLancen ("Lance") Goode and Martin Green ("Branger"). Daughters, Elizabeth and Armintia, may have been in the group as well as son, James Thomas ("Tom") but Tom may already have been in Missouri along with another son, Drury Jackson ("Jack") and Jack's wife. The group lived at Lone Jack in Jackson County, Missouri until they ventured on to Otter Creek Township in Greenwood County, Kansas. It was about 1872 when Albert, Mary, DeLancen, and Martin arrived in Greenwood County. Jack and his family had gotten there in 1871 and Tom likely was with them. Jack finally settled in Everett Township, Cass County, Missouri in 1876; DeLancen followed in 1890; and Albert and Mary moved there sometime later; but Martin remained near Piedmont, Greenwood County, Kansas where he married Emilie Sele and had one child, Glenn Edward.

Albert Osborn was born December 8, 1818 in Floyd County, Kentucky, youngest of 6 children of Sarah (Burchett) Osborn, widow of Edward Osborn. Edward had murdered William and David Morgan in Floyd County in 1813, was jailed, and he mysteriously disappeared from the jail. Some think he was lynched; others think he escaped to unknown parts. Family tradition is that Albert's father was a Mr. May and some identify him further as Reuben May (1800-1840), son of John and Sarah Jane (Phillips) May.

Albert's work in Kentucky was lumbering — logging and sawing. He said the land was no good for farming. He knew Civil War troubles for Northerners took his horses and Confederates burned his lumber piles, lumber mill, and buildings including the house. Once the Union Cavalry had ridden in and demanded food for themselves. Mary (Albert's wife) told them that if they would wait, she would send her youngest son, Martin, across the river to the mill to get meal for bread. As the 5-year-old was crossing the stream, the Confederates shot and wounded him so that he fell off into the water and wasn't able to aid the Union soldiers. The War and the subsequent day-to-day hardships apparently prompted Albert to remove from that country and see what great promises the states farther west held.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Osborn.

Albert's son Tom (1841-1916) never married but lived with his brother Jack several years. Jack married his first cousin, Elizabeth Burchett, daughter of Thomas and Letitia (Vaughn) Burchett and had 13 children with several descendants now living in Cass County and nearby. DeLancen married Eda Catharine ("Kate") Lewis and had 8 children.

Albert and Mary were wed October 18, 1840. Mary was born in 1819 and died in Everett Township, Cass County, Missouri on February 28, 1894. Albert died there August 20, 1904. They share a tombstone in the Everett Cemetery.

DELANCEN GOODE OSBORN

DeLancen ("Lance") Goode Osborn, farmer, son of Albert and Mary (Burchett) Osborn, was born February 13, 1853 in

Floyd County, Kentucky. In 1871, he went to Lone Jack, Jackson County, Missouri and a few months later he went on to Greenwood County, Kansas. Eda Catharine ("Kate") Lewis, born February 3, 1863 in Jasper County, Indiana, daughter of Whitsel and Eliza Ann (Bruner) Lewis, visited her aunt in Greenwood County and met a neighbor, Lance Osborn. They were married February 15, 1882 at her parents' home, Malta Bend, Saline County, Missouri and lived near Piedmont, Greenwood County, Kansas until about 1890 when they came to near Main City, Everett Township, Cass County.

When Lance was a boy on the way from Lone Jack, Missouri to Greenwood County, Kansas with his parents in 1871 or 1872, they traveled the wagon road from Lone Jack, through Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville, and on to Kansas. They crossed Owens Creek in Section 20 of Everett Township. The land there looked very desirable to the boy Lance — so in 1890 he returned and purchased the farm at the creek crossing he remembered. Here at the edge of Amarugia he farmed the farm which undoubtedly reminded him of his birthplace in the Big Sandy River area of eastern Kentucky and here in Everett Township he died on May 3, 1933. His wife, Kate, died November 27, 1934. Both are buried in the Everett Cemetery.

The DeLancen Goode Osborn Family in 1907.

Lance and Kate had 8 children — the first, an unnamed boy, dying in infancy (1882). Cora Mabel (born 1884), now living in Ontario, California, married Ernest Emmett Kinder (no children). Martin Jay (1886-1965) married Eva Esta Blake and moved to California; their 5 children have families there. Otis (1891-1971) married Flava Dell Murphy, now living in California with their only child although Otis and Flava lived many years near Lisle, Cass County. Lela Pearl, born 1894, died in 1911 of appendicitis. John Wesley (born 1898), unmarried, lives in his birthplace northeast of Main City in Everett Township. Frank Lewis (1900-1942) married, first, Elsie Lydia Flanary and had 2 children, Donald Lewis (born 1933) and Lester Dean (1940-1942), and married, second, Beulah Fenn Reynolds. Linnie Lucile (born 1902) married Frank Milton Arnold; they live on the Arnold farm adjoining the farm where she was born and are parents of Jimmie Eugene Arnold (born 1942).

Donald Lewis Osborn and Jimmie Eugene Arnold, the only grandchildren of Lance remaining in Missouri, married daughters of Lee Philip and Phyllis Marie (Robinson) Hodges, of Archie. Don married June 20, 1964 Wanda Kay Hodges (1940-1974) and lives in Lee's Summit, Jackson County, with children, Sarah Catharine (born August 29, 1966) and David Lewis (born November 14, 1968). Jim married September 1, 1961 Carole Lynne Hodges (born 1942); they live near Archie with children, April Lynne (born September 21, 1965), Anne Marie (born October 5, 1967) and Erin Leigh (born April 30, 1973).

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ott.

WILLIAM LEWIS OTT

William Lewis Ott, born Jan. 8, 1857 — died Oct. 13, 1950 was the only son of John and Mary Hughes Ott of Sibley, Missouri, in Jackson County. He had five sisters. A life-long Democrat, he never missed an election. His parents were farmers and members of the Six Mile Baptist Church. April 5, 1882 he married Bettie Ann Ervin in Blue Springs. Bettie Ann was born March 19, 1865, near Hickman Mills and died August 23, 1943 in Harrisonville Hospital on W. Wall Street. She was one of five children of James F. and Judy Harris Ervin. Her grandparents were Jane Hall and Samuel Harris, whose parents were Ruben and Mary Alexander Harris. Ruben was a son of Rhoda Burnet and William Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ott moved to Belton after their marriage, where they resided until 1883, when they moved to Foster in Bates County, where Mr. Ott engaged in the livery business. Two years later they moved to Freeman where Mr. Ott purchased a barber shop and a livery business. Again in 1905, the Otts moved to Belton and then to Harrisonville in 1907. Their home, on South Lexington (where the Democrat-Missourian now stands) was purchased in 1910.

Bettie Ann was a member of the Harrisonville Baptist Church where her husband was a deacon. She was a talented dressmaker. Mr. Ott joined the church in 1888 and was ordained a deacon at Freeman. He served as the first Sunday School Superintendent and on the Freeman School Board. He seldom missed a Blue River Associational Meeting, attending his first meeting as a baby, making the trip by a covered wagon that was ox drawn.

The Otts were parents of three children: Mrs. George E. (Pearl Lee) Brinley, born June 17, 1885; Ruby Etta Gertrude, born July 28, 1888; and Forrest William Jewel Ott, born Feb. 12, 1903. All were born at Freeman. Ruby died in Belton in 1907.

Mrs. Brinley resides in Harrisonville, where she has been an accomplished musician and piano teacher. She had an orchestra that performed for many functions throughout the county.

She also played at the picture show, prior to "talkies", and was the musician for the service clubs of Harrisonville until 1976. She was a member of the Music Study Club and is a member of the B.P.W. Club and the Baptist Church. Her husband, George, was born in Kansas City, Kansas, June 16, 1889, but moved to Lee's Summit when he was a baby. He was an outstanding decorator. Pearl and George were married Nov. 10, 1910, by Rev. A. H. Deane.

Forrest Ott presently lives in Lee's Summit with his wife, Harriett Deane Ott. He is a graduate of Harrisonville High School and was in the publishing business from the fourth grade, being a sportswriter for the local newspapers for years. They are parents of three daughters, Mrs. Edwin E. (Dee Ann) Herde, Mrs. William F. (Sarah Jane), both of Lee's Summit, and Mrs. Allen L. (Novella) Perron of Warrensburg, Mo. Sandra Dee and Nancy Ann Herde and Mark William and Julie Jane Matthes are the grandchildren of the Forrest Ott's.

FERD OWEN

Ferd Owen was born Jan. 15, 1889, near Gainsville, Missouri. He was the fifth of nine sons of James Franklin Owen and Mittie Green Amyx. The family moved to West Plains where James F. Owen operated a wagon yard and livery stable. Ferd started trading stock and horses at 14 for himself and those of his relatives and friends. April 1, 1907, he married Britty Lela Keen. She was the daughter of Stephen Lewis Keen and Jemima Ellen Harlan of Ozark County, Missouri. Ferd and "Bertie" had two daughters, one died in infancy, and Lela Ferdinand. They lived in Joplin during World War I, furnishing horses and mules to the Army. In 1922 they moved to Kansas City where Ferd was a partner in the Kansas City Horse and Mule Commission Co. He became sole owner in 1930. With the help of seven brothers and two Keen brothers-in-law, Ferd established a nationwide organization selling domestic and foreign trade. Through the years the older brothers went their own way setting up their own businesses. Ferd continued in Kansas City with his son-in-law Gilbert Good, and a few others places with nephews and two brothers. During this time the Owen family lived at "Whitehall" near Liberty, and Lela and Gilbert Good, Wendell and Roberta Keen and Leon and Darthula Keen lived on surrounding farms. Here Gilbert Good died in Feb. 1950, leaving Lela and their four children: Ferd, Gib, Owen and Bertie Lela.

In the flood of 1951, Ferd's business in the stockyards in Kansas City was almost a total loss. He decided to move to a portion of the Pickering Ranch and make it his permanent home. An auction barn, working office, private office and cafe were built and weekly auctions were held. The Owen-Keen-Good business was short-lived for Ferd Owen died of a heart attack Oct. 7, 1955. The Owen-Good Ranch is still in operation with Mrs. Ferd Owen, Lela Good and her two eldest sons, Ferd and Gib, as owners. The fourth generation is on its way with Ferd Good's sons, Brian and Ward, and Gib Good's sons, Hal and John, and two daughters, Reeve and Talyn.

GILBERT OSCAR PALMER

Gilbert O. Palmer was the youngest son of Perry and Mary A. Palmer. He was born in Hedrick, Iowa on November 5, 1880. He moved to Kansas City when he was seven years old. He knew Kansas City when the Westport area was the city limit on the south.

On July 3, 1906 he married Minnie Lee Elkins. They farmed in Jackson and Cass Counties. He was a foreman at the Pickering Ranch at one time. He was also an owner of the Peculiar Oil Company. He and his wife purchased the Robinson Hotel and operated it as a rooming house with meals served. They also operated the restaurant on the southwest corner of highway 71 and Broadway.

Gill and Minnie were the parents of two children. Their daughter died in infancy. Their son is Elmer R. Palmer.

Elmer is retired from Gulf Chemical Company, after twenty-five years of service. He presently resides in Peculiar with his wife, Hallie, and mother, Minnie Lee Bremer.

REV. JOHN EDWARDS PARK

John Edwards Park was born in 1864 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He was the son of Henry W. Park and Emily E. Park. Rev. Park was educated in the public schools of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and graduated from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Rev. Park brought his family to Pleasant Hill in 1926 when he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill. In 1935, because of ill health, he and his family went back to Elizabethtown, Kentucky to his family home where he passed away in 1936.

Rev. John Edwards Park married Katherine Sublette McGinnis on December 28, 1916 in the Presbyterian Church at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Katherine McGinnis Park was born on August 19, 1893 in Ninevah, Kentucky, Anderson County. She is the daughter of John Crittendon McGinnis and Jennie (McBrayer) McGinnis. She was educated in the public schools at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Katherine McGinnis Park met her future husband when he was a divinity student at Louisville, Kentucky. He went to Lawrenceburg to preach. To this union, a daughter, Dorothy Keene, was born.

Being a widow, Katherine Park lived with her sister, Miss Maude McGinnis, in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky for several years. She moved from Lawrenceburg to Pleasant Hill to be with her only daughter after her daughter's marriage to Boone Ingels, Jr. She now resides in Pleasant Hill.

Dorothy Keene Park was born on December 21, 1917. She was educated in the public schools of Kentucky and Pleasant Hill, Missouri. She graduated from Fuguzzi Business School and held a position with the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education in Louisville, Kentucky before her marriage on January 1, 1949 to Boone Ingels, Jr., of Pleasant Hill, Missouri. On April 15, 1951, a daughter, Mary Katherine, was born. On October 9, 1954, a son, Richard Boone, was born. (See Boone Ingels, Jr.) Dorothy died on September 4, 1961.

SILAS CORBIN PARKER

Silas C. Parker was born August 25, 1883 in Fayette County, Kentucky to Wm. Barton and Della (Corbin) Parker. In 1902 he came to Pleasant Hill. On Dec. 28, 1904 he married Mary Ada Farmer, the daughter of Wm. Albert and Ada (Fleming) Farmer. She was born near Pleasant Hill on April 16, 1887. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Cary A. (Margaret) Colburn of Harrisonville, born June 26, 1906, Della, born Jan. 31, 1910 and Wm. Albert, born Sept. 6, 1912. Both Margaret and Della taught school many years before retiring. Mrs. Parker devotes her time to her family and home, and is known for her dahlias and other lovely flowers.

Mr. Parker became a rural carrier October 3, 1908 and was on his route when he was killed May 20, 1944 in an automobile accident. He carried the mail on horseback, drove horses to a cart or buggy, and then carried for many years in the automobile. Many days he spent long hours at his work and always fed, watered, washed and rubbed down his horse before going into the house to call it a day. Numerous times the roads were almost impassable with mud or snow, and his car would have to be pulled out with a team of horses or a tractor.

Wm. Albert Parker married Lillian Seevers, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred L. Seevers, May 24, 1942. He enlisted in the army and served from 1942 until 1946. He was stationed in Brooklyn and he and his wife lived there until the end of the war. He was a city carrier in Pleasant Hill until his retirement in 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two sons: David Lee, born July 14, 1946, a musician, and Philip Corbin, born March 4, 1951, a teacher. Philip was married April 1, 1976 to Brenda Denise Gregory, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Gregory.

In 1799 in Knox Co., Tenn., John Farmer married Sarah Farmer, the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Echols) Farmer. In 1838 John and Sarah, with their children, came to Pleasant Hill from Tenn. Their son, Henry, born in Anderson Co., Sept. 17, 1809, was married on March 17, 1844 in Jackson Co. to Clarinda Jane Booth, born March 23, 1825 in Shelby Co., Ky. to Peter and Frances (Smith) Booth, both natives of Franklin Co., Virginia.

Henry Farmer was one of the early pioneer preachers of Cass and adjoining counties. For 20 years he served as pastor of the Lone Jack Baptist Church and also the Union Baptist Church near Pleasant Hill. He died in January, 1870.

Wm. A. Farmer, born Feb. 14, 1847 in Cass Co., to Henry and Clarinda Farmer was married first to Mary Parrott. On Nov. 17, 1885, he married Ada Fleming, born July 19, 1857 in Cass Co., to James and Martha (Simpson) Fleming. Mr. Farmer died in 1923 and Mrs. Farmer in 1929.

Richard Simpson, the son of Richard and Sarah Simpson of Fairfax Co., Va., married Mary Kincheloe, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Canterbury) Kincheloe. He died in 1786 in Caswell Co., North Carolina. On Oct. 23, 1787, their son, Richard, married Henrietta Williams, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Williamson) Williams. Their son, George, born in Kentucky May 31, 1810, married Nancy McCutcheon, the daughter of Samuel and Martha (Sloss) McCutcheon. George Simpson died in 1839 in Jackson Co., and his widow married Thomas Thomas and moved to Cass County. Martha Simpson, born March 2, 1834 in Jackson Co. to George and Nancy Simpson, was married to James Fleming, March 13, 1855.

Peter Fleming, the son of Peter and Elizabeth Fleming of Rowan County, North Carolina, married Martha Ireland, the daughter of John and Martha (Purviance) Ireland. Their son, James, born Oct. 29, 1790 in North Carolina, was married Dec. 28, 1815 in Bourbon County, Kentucky to Violinda Skillman, the daughter of Christopher and Henrietta (Payne) Skillman. James died in Indiana and Violinda in 1868 in Pleasant Hill. Their son, James Harrison Fleming, born April 2, 1825 in Bourbon Co., Ky., married Martha Simpson March 13, 1855 in Cass County. He died in 1879 and Mrs. Fleming in 1914.

The Lester C. Parris Family.

LESTER C. PARRIS

Today is April 15, 1976. I'm 90 years old, and I've lived in Cass County 81 years. I was born in 1886, in Clairborne County Tennessee and came to Missouri with my father and mother Laundrum and Nannie Parris when I was 9. We settled on a farm in the Hickory Grove community. One of my earliest recollections was the story told by my father about my grandfather and grandmother, Abram and Haley Parris, and six children fleeing in the night during the Civil War in a covered wagon, from Spartanburg, South Carolina to Tennessee. My father and mother married in 1864. I had four brothers, John, Buss, Billy and Floyd, and three sisters, Maude, Stella and Jessie.

I married Elizabeth Kelly in 1910. We lived on a farm near Harrisonville and later bought and have lived on this farm since 1919. We had five children, Goldie, Parlie, Florence, Ruby and Russell. Lizzie died in 1939. I later remarried and Wayne was born of this union.

Goldie, born 1911, married Henry Martin in 1936. Their children are Carol, 1937; Henry, Jr., 1939 and Russell, 1949. Carol, who is a registered nurse, married Allen McCann in 1957. He is district manager for Southwestern Bell. They live in Kansas City with their children, Kelly, 1958; Allen Jr., 1960; Stuart, 1962 and Kenneth, 1963. Henry, Jr. married Nancy Pauly in 1958. They live in Statesville, North Carolina with their two children, Vicki, 1960 and John, 1968. Henry is a furniture specialist for J. C. Penney Company. Russell married Nance Rademacher in St. Louis in 1972. Their son,

Shawn, was born in 1975. Russell is a mechanical engineer in Kansas City, Kansas for Jenson-Salsbury, Inc.

Parlie was born in 1913. He married Ruth Duffey of San Francisco, California in 1940. He is foreman for Gibson Construction Company and his hobby is farming. They have three children, Earl, born in 1941; Sharon, 1942 and Jim, 1945. Earl married Janice Barnett in 1963. They live and own their own business in Lexington, Mo. with their two sons, Kevin, 1970 and Kyle, 1974. Sharon married John Nichols, who is a farmer, in 1961. They have a son Andy, 1962 and daughter Taylene, 1966. Sharon owns and operates her beauty salon and they live on their farm in the Plum Grove community. Jim married Sandy Cloinger in St. Louis in 1968. Jim is a dispatcher for Harmon Bus System and Sandy is high school debate teacher in Belleville, Illinois where they live.

Florence was born in 1914 and married Clarence Yoder in 1936. Clarence owns and operates his trucking business in Pleasant Hill. They had two sons, Harry, 1937 and Steven, 1945. Harry married Mary Magill in 1962. They live in Harrisonville where Harry is junior and senior high school counselor, with their daughters, Terri, 1963 and Cindy, 1964. Steve married Karen Kingsolver in 1972. They live in Pleasant Hill. Their daughter, Amy, was born in 1975. Steve is a coach and teacher in the Harrisonville schools.

Ruby was born in 1919 and married Harry Coleman in 1941. Harry is contract carrier for Transamerican Freight Company. They live in Pleasant Hill. They had three children, Sammy Joe, born 1942 and died 1943, Richard, 1953 and Beth 1956. Rick married Cheri Rasmussen in 1975 in Bloomfield, Colorado. He has been discharged from the Air Force and is returning to aircraft school in Kansas City. Beth is Specialist E4 in the United States Army Reserve and presently employed as a nurses aide.

Russell was born in 1922 and married Juanita Bowers in 1953. They own and operate their 500 acre farm and my 224 acres here in Wingate community. They have four children, Ronald, 1950; Michael, 1955; David, 1959 and Gayle, 1963. Ronnie married Heather Mitchell in 1974, and works for Gibson Construction Company. Mike works for Shaw and Sons in Kansas City. Dave and Gayle are students in the Pleasant Hill school.

Wayne lives in Warrensburg and is a lab technician in a hospital there.

I love my God, my family, my country, and hope this will be of interest to my children, grandchildren and their children.

GEORGE PARROTT

George Parrott (1866-1948), the son of Matilda (Humbarger) and Jackson Parrott, married Elizabeth H. Wilmott (1869-1930) on January 14, 1892. She was the daughter of Nancy Jane (Cunningham) and William Robert Wilmott, and was born in the Kingsville community. Her father died when she was 7 and her mother died when she was 15. She went to live and make her home with Thomas and Elizabeth Wherritt, a prominent family of Pleasant Hill at that time. They lived west of Pleasant Hill, on what was later known as the Fred Guyton farm. She made her home with the Wherritts until she and George Parrott were married. After their marriage they moved in with George's parents, as they were acquiring more land and George's father was getting old and he was needed at home. See the Jackson Parrott history for the early life of George Parrott.

George Parrott and his wife were the parents of seven children, one dying in infancy. The living ones were; Vera E., Lou Ella, G. Harold, Mary, Wilmott J. and Juanita. Vera E. Parrott (1895-1974) married George B. Lane, Jr., a prominent man whose family moved from Kentucky. Vera attended the State Normal at Warrensburg (now Cen. Mo. State Univ.), and taught the Coleman school for the year 1916-1917, prior to her marriage. Two children were born of this union, G. Barker III and Mary Elizabeth. Lou Ella Parrott (1898-1975) married H. G. Benson, who operated a lumber yard in Pleasant Hill with his brother, H. L. Benson. H. L. continued the operation there and H. G. moved to Oklahoma where he acquired a chain of 12 lumber yards. To this union two children were born; H. D. and Mary Lou. Harold Parrott (1902-1939) married Gladys Coleman and to this union one son was born, George Robert. Mary Parrott married John Spencer Coleman and a son and two daughters were born; Spencer Parrott Coleman, Mary Ann and Beverly Sue. The Coleman family were very early landowners in the Coleman community. Wilmott married Thelma Jeter, whose folks came from Illinois about 40 years after Jackson and Matilda Parrott had left. To this union one son was born, Wilmott Jack. Juanita Parrott married John W. Moore and moved to Oklahoma. To this union three children were born, Bruce, Jeanette and Wilmott Moore. With the exception of the Bensons and the Moores, the principal occupation of these families was farming and stock raising. Juanita's husband, John Moore made a career with the Army. The Parrott children were raised in the Baptist faith.

George Parrott and grandson, Wilmott Jack, in 1934.

George Robert Parrott, son of Harold and Gladys Parrott, married Patricia Ann Jeter, daughter of Delos James and Ruby (Larson) Jeter. Robert and Pat have one daughter, Sandra Louise, and four sons, Harold James, Robert Allen, Charles Edward and Kenneth Ray. Robert and his sons are actively engaged in farming and raising cattle in the Coleman area.

Wilmott Jack Parrott (Bill), the son of Wilmott and Thelma Parrott, married Leticia Reaves of Pleasant Hill and they have one daughter, Thelma Jane. Thelma Jane is the granddaughter of this correspondent and is now attending public

school in Pleasant Hill and represents the fifth generation of Parrotts in the Pleasant Hill community. Bill is engaged in farming and owns the Parrott Trucking Service.

JACKSON PARROTT

Jackson Parrott (1825-1898), his wife and five children, lived in Summerset, Ohio. After his wife died he married Matilda Humbarger (1836-1929), one of three daughters of A. Humbarger, who was a gun maker. He also made drums for the Union Army during the Civil War. Jackson, with his new bride and five children, left Summerset, Ohio and came to Putnam Co., Illinois and settled near Magnolia. During his stay there a son was born, George Parrott, the first of his second marriage. Illinois was not what he liked or expected it to be and he was not satisfied there. Through a friend, John Fitzhugh Thornton, he heard about Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and after spending 3 years in Illinois he moved to Pleasant Hill in 1869, to a farm about 2½ miles southwest of there, where he lived for 3 years. While he lived there the Lawrence and Pleasant Hill Railroad was being built. After 3 years on this farm he moved to a small farm on No. 7 Highway in Old Town, which was a fruit farm with orchards, grapes, etc. While living on this fruit farm in Pleasant Hill, a daughter was born to this marriage and she was named Belle Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Parrott.

Jackson and Matilda decided to try farming again, after 2 years on the fruit farm in Old Town, and bought 37 acres 8 miles west of Pleasant Hill in Sec. 30, Big Creek Twp. The Lawrence and Pleasant Hill Railroad ran through the middle of the 40 reducing the acreage to 37. This was in 1875 and the railroad went by the house within 75 feet and was known as "Bee Hive" Station. Anyone could flag the train down and ride into Pleasant Hill or back and be let off out in the country at "Bee Hive" Station. I might add that this was one mile west of 291 Highway, which was then non-existent, but was the line between the timbered country and open prairie. There were no trees, roads and very few houses out on this prairie when Jackson and his family moved out here. The year they moved to this farm, a horde of grasshoppers, or locust, as they were known in bible days, settled in the fall and laid their eggs. In the spring of 1876, there was an awful scourge of grasshoppers, which ate everything green clear to the ground. The crops could not be planted as they ate them off as fast as they came up and it looked very dark for the settlers. The grasshoppers left on June 28th and 29th and I have heard the old timers say that 3 days after they left you couldn't find a grasshopper. The early settlers then planted their crops but it was late and part of it did not mature and consequently they had a hard winter to endure — the winter of '76. After that, things seemed to go better and in due course of time Jackson's family was growing up.

His eldest daughter, Mary Parrott, married Bud Farmer, a prominent farmer and stockman in the Pleasant Hill vicinity. There were several children born to this union but only one grew to adulthood, James P. Farmer. James married Carrie Riker and 3 children were born to this union; Irene, Verna Gee, and Elizabeth Ann Nielsen. Shortly after this, Emma Parrott, the second girl married Jerry V. Hon and to this union there was Charlie Hon, Alice Gustin, Elsie McDonald and Frank Hon. Lucricia Parrott, of this family, died as a very young woman. Phillip Parrott, the only boy of the first set of children, married Ida Boyer, one of two daughters of Samuel and Malinda (Humbarger) Boyer, who had followed Jackson Parrott and his wife to Pleasant Hill. Phillip Parrott and his wife had two children, Lucy and Laura. Elsie Parrott married Jamison Perkins and moved to Montana, where he staked out his own ranch and became a large rancher. They never had any children, but they became very successful in their part of Montana. There is a wing on one of the hospitals in Helena, Montana, which he endowed after his death. Belle Parrott married David L. Doughat, a conductor of the Pleasant Hill and Lawrence Railroad, and lived in Olathe. There were two children born to this union, Pansy and David. Pansy Lindauer passed away in 1958, leaving 3 girls, Sally Y. Lindauer, Shirley J. McKinney and Betty J. Geppelt. David Doughat never had any children.

(See George Parrott history.)

WILLIAM HENRY PATTERSON

William Patterson, born in 1761, County Donnygall, Ireland, Keeper of the Patterson Lights, died in 1855. (He lived to be 94 years old and did not drink or smoke) He is buried at North Vernon, Indiana. His wife, Frances Cook, died in 1833 and is buried in the Parish of Cellaughtee graveyard, County Donnygall, Ireland. She left a family of 11 children, the youngest just 9 days old.

In 1837, William with his children: Andrew, John Thomas, Henry, George, William H., Joseph, David, James Douglas, Elias, Margaret Ann and Robert immigrated to the U.S.A. They settled at Honey Point or Honey Bend, Jennings County, Indiana. Two sons, James Douglas and William H. came to Cass County, Missouri, purchasing land on Eight Mile Creek, a short distance west of Austin, in 1866. James Douglas went to Alaska and was never heard from again, William H. remained on the farm. He had married Mary Jane Campbell, in 1842, prior to the move to Missouri. They were the parents of: David Douglas, Frances Ann (Kepler), Margaret Jane (Heins) and Mary Isabell. Mary Jane lived only ten years after her marriage and departed this life at ¼ hour before 10 o'clock, age 28 years, 2 days. In 1853 William H. married Mary Thompson, this, too, was before he moved to

Missouri. They were the parents of 6 children: Joseph B., William Henry, James T., John L., George E., Andrew J. Three of the sons died while young. William Henry moved to his farm in Cass County, James T. settled in Nodaway County, Missouri, and Andrew, who never married, lived at Lucas, Kansas.

On May 29, 1883, William Henry Patterson was united in marriage to Harriet Estelle Pitcher, whose grandparents had lived in Poplin, New Hampshire. The grandfather, Thomas Hoag, died in 1845, leaving the mother, Merenda, with 4 small children: Lydia A., Betsy Ann, Helen M. and Leonard. In 1848, Merenda Hoag, with her family of four, came to Ottawa, Illinois by boat and stagecoach. Helen, the youngest, fell from the boat into Lake Erie but was rescued. On January 26, 1859, Betsy Ann Hoag (1839-1924) married Charles Roland Pitcher (1836-1879). They were the parents of 4 children: Harriet Estelle (Patterson), Edith June (Patton), Charles W. Pitcher and Sherman E. Pitcher. In 1870 the family left Morris, Illinois and came to Burdette, Bates County, Missouri hoping the change would help the asthmatic condition of Charles Roland. Leonard Hoag, Betsy Ann's brother came to visit her in Missouri, also searching for relief of an ailment contracted during his service in the Civil War. On May 21, 1879 he died in Missouri. The following October 16, 1879, Betsy Ann lost her husband, Charles R. Pitcher. A son, Sherman E. Pitcher, her husband and brother are buried at the Burdette Cemetery. Betsy Ann Pitcher was united in marriage with George E. Snider. They had one son, Ray C., who was a railroad man in Idaho. In 1880 she moved to Archie, Missouri. She was a charter member of the Archie Baptist Church. She is buried at Crescent Hill Cemetery, Bates County, between Adrian and Archie, Missouri.

After the marriage of Harriet E. Pitcher (1863-1946) and William Henry Patterson (1856-1899), they immediately established their home on the Patterson farm. They were the parents of 6 children: Mabel Claire married Leslie C. Wright — (daughter — Hazel Margaret Trost, son — Harold L.); Walter Sherman married Grace Alma Wright — (sons — Ernest W., Emmett J., Vernon W.); William Henry III married Ruby Ethel Babylon — (sons, Kenneth D., Kermit E., daughters, Velma Cook, Bonnie B. Mahood); Ernest; Ralph Heins married Marjorie Morriss — (son — Wendell H.); Edith Margaret married Wallace W. Rader — (daughters — Nadine Roberts, Corene Jones, Wander Rader, son — Ervin Rader).

After the death of the husband and father, the young mother was left with the task of rearing her family, which she did nobly and well. Living today are the two daughters, Mabel and Edith, the 14 grandchildren named above, 24 great grandchildren, and 9 great, great grandchildren. A grandson, Wendell Heins Patterson and his mother, Marjorie, live on the original Patterson farm on Eight Mile Creek today. This is one of the Bicentennial Farms of Cass County, Missouri. Many descendants of the Patterson father, who came from Ireland, can be found today in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota and Missouri, especially in Jackson, Cass and Nodaway counties in Missouri.

ERNEST BURNS PEARCE

Ernest Burns Pearce was born in Pleasant Hill, Missouri on April 17, 1877, the eighth child and second son of William Edmund and Margaret Burns Pearce. He attended Central School in Pleasant Hill and graduated from the high school in 1895. He then joined his father in the well established hardware business and tin shop located on First Street. Following the father's death, the business was incorporated in 1910 as W. E. Pearce Hardware and Mercantile Company. It was managed by Ernest and his younger brother, Lester, until its sale in 1960 to William P. Gray of Pleasant Hill. The business thrived and expanded in the first half of the twentieth century. It became known throughout Cass County and beyond as Pearce the Hardware Man, a store well stocked with leading brands of merchandise with a reputation for absolutely fair dealing and always the best of customer service.

Ernest Pearce was a devoted church leader, being ordained an elder in the Presbyterian Church as a young man. His service included many years as Clerk of Session, Superintendent of the church school, and teacher of a popular Men's Bible Class, as well as delegate to district, state and national church meetings. He was active in civic affairs, being Fire Chief of Pleasant Hill from 1914 to 1949, and member of the school board from 1911 to 1925. He was board president for about half of those years. He supported the Chamber of Commerce and merchant organizations from time to time, and was well known in hardware trade association activities throughout western Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Pearce.

Ernest married Minnie May Whitsett in Hereford, Texas on January 5, 1905. Miss Whitsett was born on the family farm in Jackson County, Missouri, north of Lee's Summit, to James Simeon and Angelina (Lena) Arnold Whitsett on February 27, 1882. After training at Warrensburg Normal, Miss Whitsett taught school in southern Jackson County until Sim Whitsett moved his family in order to homestead land in the Texas panhandle "because Missouri was becoming too crowded". However, the courtship continued by mail, eventually resulting in Minnie's return to Missouri as a bride.

To this union, a son, William Ernest (Ernest Junior) was born on March 4, 1907. Educated in the local schools, he graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1925; A.B. 1929, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri and M.S. in Chemistry 1931, University of Illinois. Starting to work for the American Can Company while still in graduate school, he devoted 40

years to research and development work in the companies laboratories in suburban Chicago retiring in 1970. In 1941, he married Marion Ruth Guild, a registered nurse graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. Their family consists of Diana May (Mrs. George E. Wright, Jr.), Ph.D. Sociology University of Michigan, children — Gwendolyn, Jeremy and Gregory (adopted); Ellen Louise (Mrs. Cecil R. Brooks) A.B. Grinnell College, children — Jason and Tracey; Margaret Ruth (Mrs. James S. Morgan) A.B. Monmouth College, (Illinois), children — Bryan and Alison; Sarah Jane (Mrs. Steven A. Brodsky) A.B. Monmouth College.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pearce built a home on South Jeffreys in Pleasant Hill, and lived there until failing health forced them to give up housekeeping in 1964. Ernest died on June 14, 1965, aged 88, in a nursing home in suburban Chicago. Minnie died in Cass County Memorial Hospital on February 7, 1968, just short of age 86. Both are buried in the family plot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

DR. GILBERT DORSET PEARCE

The Pearce family has been in residence in Cass County since 1866, when the founder of this branch of the family in America came here from Cass County Illinois.

William Edmund Pearce was born 3 Nov. 1823 in Wimborne, Dorset, England, the son of William Baker and Frances Witt Pearce. The parents of William Edmund had come to Wimborne from Ringwood in Hampshire, where they had been married on July 3, 1820. The father was a brazier, as was his father before him, and instructed his son in this trade.

Dr. Gilbert D. Pearce.

William Edmund came to America in 1844 and, after returning to England for a visit in 1848, came back to the States and settled in Beardstown, Illinois. In 1850 he went to the gold fields of Oregon and California. Returning to Beardstown he went into the milling business and it was here that on 1 July 1856 he married Margaret Ellen Burns, daughter of Thomas Joseph and Eleanor Craig Burns. Four daughters were born to them there, Ellen Frances, born 17 June 1857, married John Mortimer Cheatham; Alida May, born 24 July 1860, married William Leavel Jarrott; Alice Edna, born 22 Oct. 1862, died 24 Oct. 1863 and Jessie Craig, born 27 Oct. 1864, married Horace Dickenson Williams.

In 1866 W. E. Pearce left Beardstown and came to Pleasant Hill where he entered the hardware business with a former resident of Beardstown, Theodore Leland. Mr. Leland left the business in the 1870s.

Five more children were born to William and Margaret Pearce at Pleasant Hill, Effie Grant, born 27 Sept. 1867, died 27 May 1870; Grace Margaret, born 4 Nov. 1871, married Dr. Jesse David King; Gilbert Dorset, born 20 Oct. 1874, married Minnie Huestis Shaw; Ernest Burns, born 17 April 1877, married Minnie May Whitsett and Lester Edmund, born 9 July 1879, married Mrs. Callie (Holland) Tavis.

The three sons of W. E. Pearce followed their father in the hardware business, but only Ernest and Lester remained, continuing as Pearce Hardware Company until 1960. Gilbert attended dental school at Washington University in St. Louis, and after graduation returned to Pleasant Hill to establish a dental office. He continued to practice his profession there until his retirement in 1962.

Gilbert Dorset Pearce and Minnie Huestis Shaw were married in Pleasant Hill on Dec. 31, 1902 at the home of her parents. Minnie was the daughter of George C. and Eliza Ellen Holt Huestis, daughter of William Barton and Rachel Spring Holt, of Hartford, Kansas. Her mother married secondly Christopher Morgan Edward Shaw, whose surname Minnie adopted. Minnie was born 26 September 1876 at Emporia, Kansas. The Shaw family came to Pleasant Hill from Sedalia, Missouri about 1884. Before her marriage Minnie attended State Normal School at Warrensburg and was a teacher in both Cass and Jackson County schools. She was an accomplished musician and during the 1920s and 30s conducted a large class of piano students. She was pianist and organist for the Methodist Church from the time she was eight years old until illness forced her retirement in 1948, at which time she was named organist emeritus of the church.

Gilbert and Minnie Pearce had one daughter, Marjorie Ellen, born 11 January 1905 at Pleasant Hill. She attended the public schools of that city and Hardin College at Mexico, Missouri, and on Dec. 25, 1926 was united in marriage with John Thornton Buckner. To them was born a son, John Richard Pearce Buckner. Dr. and Mrs. Pearce built their home on South Randolph street next door to the home built by his father in 1866. These two houses continued to be occupied by Pearce families until 1974 when the Gilbert Pearce home was sold. The original family home is still occupied by a daughter of Lester Pearce, Grace Eleanor, who married Parker Dinges.

William Edmund Pearce died in Kansas City, Missouri 1 July 1908 and is buried on the Pearce lot in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. His wife, Margaret, lies beside him, having died at the home 20 March 1919. Gilbert died on 7 August 1970 and his wife, Minnie, on 19 April 1975. Both are buried on this same Pearce lot. Others of the children of W. E. Pearce buried there are Grace and her husband Jesse King, Jessie Pearce Williams, Ernest and his wife Minnie and Lester and his wife Callie.

LESTER EDMUND PEARCE

Lester Edmund Pearce born 9 July, 1879, the son of Margaret Ellen Burns and William Edmund Pearce (see Dr. Gilbert Dorset Pearce). He attended public school at Pleasant Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Pearce.

and then entered his father's hardware business, which was founded in 1866. He and his brother, Ernest, continued to operate the W. E. Pearce Hardware Co. after their father's death until the business was sold in 1960.

Lester Pearce was a member of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, was a deacon and served more than 25 years as church treasurer. He was a Mason more than 50 years and also served two terms on the Pleasant Hill city council. As a young man he raised and trained fine show horses and won many ribbons at county and state fairs.

Lester Edmund Pearce and Mrs. Callie Cordell (Holland) Tavis were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill 9 November, 1919. Callie was the daughter of Luther Watson Holland and Amelia O'Conner Cordell, daughter of Henry and Caroline Jane (Hart) Cordell of Pleasant Hill. Callie was born 27 August, 1888, at Fulton, Missouri. The Holland family returned to Pleasant Hill in 1904. She graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and attended State Normal School at Warrensburg. She taught first at rural schools in Cass county and then taught music and third grade at Pleasant Hill Central Grade School.

On January 1, 1915, Callie Cordell and John Willis Tavis were married at Pleasant Hill. He was killed in an accident on 15 May 1916 at Kansas City. They had one daughter, Mable Evelyn, born 6 January, 1916 at Kansas City. After John Tavis's death Callie returned to Pleasant Hill and was employed in a dry goods store until her marriage to Lester Pearce.

Callie was a member of the Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School for many years and was active in the Women's organizations of that church. She had a beautiful voice and for many years sang solos for weddings and funerals, as well as singing in the church choir. Callie was a member of Ivy Leaf Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Royal Neighbors of America more than 50 years.

Lester and Callie Pearce had two daughters, Margaret Cordell and Grace Eleanor. Margaret Cordell was born 14 November 1927 at Pleasant Hill, attended Pleasant Hill Schools and graduated from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Missouri. On 31 December 1948; she and Milton Ray Mosier were married at St. Louis, Missouri. They had two children, Donald Wayne, born 27 February 1950, and Diane Elaine, born 10 December 1954. On 29 December 1956 she married Wayne Henning Hommes at Pleasant Hill.

Grace Eleanor, born 25 October 1930, also at Pleasant Hill, attended school in that city and on 12 November 1948 married Parker Dinges. They had six children. William Cordell, born 23 May 1949; Richard Parker, born 30 November 1952; Kathleen Marie, born 23 March 1954; George Franklin, born 27 January 1956; Pamela Jean, born 27 June 1958 and Brian Edmund, born 8 December 1959.

Lester was born in the house built in 1866 by his father, William Edmund, on South Randolph. He died in that same house 21 December 1969 at the age of 90, never having lived anywhere else in his entire life. Callie died 23 November 1972. Both are buried on the Pearce family lot in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

HARRY ROBERT PEARSON

Harry Robert Pearson was born near Harrisonville, Mo. on Aug. 17, 1876, son of Henry Charles and Margaret Burke Pearson. He received his education in the Harrisonville Public Schools, later reading law in the office of Mr. W. D. Summers. In 1897 he and Mr. Ed Deane purchased the grocery store of Brous Brothers on the N. side of the square, the firm becoming Deane and Pearson. The partnership lasted until 1899 when Mr. Pearson bought his partner's interest. He was Harrisonville's City Clerk when he and Mr. Deane bought the store and continued as City Clerk until 1899 when he became the sole owner of the store. His business sagacity was evident from the outset of his business career. He worked in the store from early in the morning until late in the evening, having but one clerk and a delivery man. This schedule was maintained a decade.

On Apr. 20, 1898 Harry Robert Pearson and Mary Emma Christopher were married at the home of the bride by the Rev. W. A. Fite, then pastor of the Harrisonville Christian Church. Mrs. Pearson was the daughter of William C. and Mary Warren Christopher, he being a well known merchant in Harrisonville for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson had one son, Harry R. Pearson II, who practically "grew up" in his father's store. On Jan. 11, 1925, Mr. Pearson took his son into full partnership as he had been working in the store during his school days and summer vacations and after graduating in 1920 from the Harrisonville High School. Shortly after "young Harry" came into the business father and son began a program of remodeling and the store was kept in step with the times. It was sometimes spoken of as the "Wolferman Store" between Kansas City and Joplin.

Harry Robert Pearson died in his home at 1204 Pine St., Harrisonville, Apr. 28, 1944, age 67 years, after he had operated the store for about 47 years. Until 1955 Harry Pearson II continued to operate the store then sold it, having been in the same location on the square occupied by the Pearsons for 57 years. At that time he and his son H. R. Pearson III formed a realty company. Mrs. Harry Robert Pearson died Oct. 10, 1954, age 84 years, at the Harrisonville Memorial Hospital, having been in ill health many months. Besides the great love for her family she derived her greatest pleasure in remembering her many friends. She especially loved the beautiful things of life and thus found expression in creating things with her

hands — making fancy work and painting china. Her beautiful sense of color was shown in her work. She was much interested in her hometown's welfare, always wanting to do her part in all things. She took pride in Harrisonville's advancement.

HARRY ROBERT PEARSON II

Harry Robert Pearson II was born in Harrisonville, Mo., Aug. 2, 1901, son of Harry Robert and Mary Emma Christopher Pearson. He received his basic education in the Harrisonville schools and graduated with the high school class of 1920. He practically grew up in his father's grocery store on the N. side of the square, in which his father made him a full time partner Mar. 1925. He continued to operate the store after his father's death and until 1955 when he sold it and he and his son, Harry R. Pearson III, formed a real estate company, having extensive holdings in Harrisonville, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City North and Grandview, Mo. and Topeka, Kans., a firm still in existence and active.

Harry R. Pearson II and Mary Ruth Burney, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. L. Burney, formerly of Harrisonville and Clinton, Mo., were married Oct. 11, 1925 at the home of her parents in Osceola, Mo. They established their home in Harrisonville, where, on Oct. 11, 1975, in their home at 1204 Pine St., their son and his wife were hosts for the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They had one son, Harry Robert Pearson III, born Feb. 15, 1928, Harrisonville, Mo.

Harry R. Pearson II has always taken an active part in the betterment and expansion of his home town. He has been president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club and of the Harrisonville Memorial Hospital. He was chairman of the Harrisonville Centennial, planning it from a sick bed in the hospital, president of the Harrisonville High School Alumni Association, president of the Harrisonville Development Corporation, member of the Board of Public Works and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and their son are communicants of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Harrisonville. In 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were awarded the Bishops Cross by the Rt. Rev. Edward R. Welles, bishop of the diocese of West Mo., for their work in the parish and the diocese. Mrs. Pearson was corresponding secretary to the Women's Auxiliary of the diocese for 6 years. She was also given an award by her Rector, the Rev. Brian Packer, for over 30 years of service as head of the Alter Guild in St. Peter's Church. Harry R. Pearson III was the first acolyte to serve in St. Peter's Church, and was elected to the Vestry at the early age of 21 years. Harry R. Pearson II has often been a member of the Vestry. Mrs. Pearson has always been active in the different "drives" for the betterment of Harrisonville. She was chairman of the Harrisonville Fiesta, a national good-will project between the U.S. and South America, is a member and past president of the Coterie literary club, member and past president of Chapter G.R., P.E.O. and of the Harrisonville Progress Club, a federated club, is a member of the Mary Sibley Chapter D.A.R., a life member of the Cass County Historical Society and of St. Lukes Hospital Auxiliary in Kansas City, Mo.

Harry Robert Pearson III received his elementary education in the Harrisonville public schools, graduating with the class of 1946. He attended William Jewell College and Missouri University, and also the University of Arizona at Tucson. Having graduated from High School just as the Korean War ended, H. R. Pearson III enlisted in the Naval Air Service, spending one week each month receiving his training at the Naval Air Base, Olathe, Kans. He was honorably discharged 1956. On June 21, 1975 he and Mrs. Loretta Ferguson were married in Eureka Springs, Ark., by the Rev. H. L. Foland, former rector of St. Peter's Church.

HENRY CHARLES PEARSON

Henry Charles Pearson, son of Robert D. and Jane Lockhart Belcher Pearson, and Margaret Burke were married in 1874 in Harrisonville, Mo. After a few years of farming NW of Harrisonville and near Medicine Lodge, Kans., they moved to Eldorado Springs, Mo. on account of the young husband's health, where he engaged in the harness business. One daughter and four sons blessed this union, Harry R., Jessie, Fred J., and Charles J. Mr. Pearson died in Oct. 1886, and the young mother and her children came to Harrisonville to live in her mother's house at 500 S. Independence St.

Margaret Burke Pearson was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Walker Burke and was born Jan. 4, 1856 on the family homestead just S. of Harrisonville. Her parents were natives of England. Her father was a botanist and a gardener in the famous Covent Gardens. He knew how to make the virgin soil of his adopted country produce and his farm home was soon marked for its beautiful gardens. In this frontier home Margaret Burke received her education and training that marked her a capable, courageous, God-fearing gentlewoman. She was reared in the religious faith and was a communicant of the Episcopal Church from June 6, 1872, and continued faithful and zealous in the cause of humanity. Her days were spent in service and her quiet goodness and gracious personality were manifest to everyone whose life she touched and gave them a vision of her hope and faith. She loved her fellowmen. She never said unkind things about anyone, and her daily life was like a benediction to those who loved and knew her best. Many know of the heart's high courage and God's great mercy because of her. She was faithful to her church in Harrisonville and cared for the Altar in St. Peter's Episcopal Church for many years. It was a dedicated service and the weather was never too hot or too cold for her to walk to its services.

Her only daughter, Jessie Pearson Stair, died Mar. 18, 1928, leaving daughters their grandmother cared for as if her own. Her three sons, Harry R. Pearson of Harrisonville, Fred J. Pearson of Salina, Kans., and Charles H. Pearson of Wichita, Kans., all contributed much to their communities and fellowmen due to their mother's influence. To her great delight her son Harry R. always dined at her house on Wednesdays and others at her table accused her of that day having the best menu. She spoiled her greatgrandchildren the same way, always having their favorite menu when they dined with her.

She would pass off the accusation with a smile, never commenting.

Mrs. Pearson died in August 1938. The service was held in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Harrisonville, by the Rev. Richard L. Harbour.

ROBERT D. PEARSON

Robert D. Pearson, son of William Pearson, was born 4 Aug. 1819, Ky., died 23 Jan. 1873 on his home farm just S. of Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo. He married 20 June 1838, Jackson Co., Mo., Jane Lockhart Belcher, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Price) Belcher, born 1 Oct. 1821, Lee Co., Va., died 11 May 1902 at home of her daughter Sallie Carroll in Harrisonville. Both are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville.

William Pearson, father of Robert D., brought his family from Ky. to Jackson Co., Mo. before June 1832, acquired land in Jackson Co. but after some 5 years sold it and, with other of his children, moved on to Dallas Co., Tex.

William Pearson, in an 1847 letter urging Robert D. Pearson to move to Tex., wrote that he had "cild a bar" and was saving the skin for Robert's saddle cover, that he had two deer skins to make little Billy some "Texes britchses", and to tell Jane her Mo. fishhooks wouldn't be big enough for Tex. fish.

After his marriage Robert D. Pearson settled in Van Buren (Cass) Co., Mo., in Big Creek Twp., near Pleasant Hill, later moving to the farm where he died, in Sec. 4, Twp. 44, R. 31, now in the limits of Harrisonville. He was Street Commissioner and Constable of Harrisonville from 1868 to 1870.

He served in the Osage Indian War, 1837, from Jackson Co., as private in the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Mo. Militia of Mounted Volunteers. He is said to have helped cut logs for the first church house built in Cass Co., which, since he lived nearby, was evidently that of Union Baptist Church for which a log meeting house was built Jan. 1839. He and his wife joined the Baptist Church around 1843 and became members of the Harrisonville Baptist Church 1854.

The children of Robert D. and Jane L. (Belcher) Pearson were: (1) Mahala Ann (Annie) Pearson born 20 Aug. 1840, died 9 Dec. 1915, St. Joseph, Mo., married 23 Apr. 1864 Amos Milton Brown born 10 Aug. 1840, Christian Co., Ind., died Greenwood, Mo. while on a visit there, buried St. Joseph, Mo. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and after the war lived in Harrisonville several years. At the time of his death he was President of the A.M. Brown & Son Transfer & Storage Co. of St. Joseph, and was survived by his wife and their 4 children, William Amos Brown, Mrs. Ernest M. (Minnie) Hansen and Mrs. Oliver D. (Effie) Griffin of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Paul (Mattie) Rufenacht of Helena, Mont. (2) William Dudley Pearson, 1842-1907, whose wives were Laura Corbin Hidden and Anjanette (Nettie) Reno. (3) Andrew B. Pearson born 28 Mar. 1844, died 23 Jan. 1855. (4) Lewis Franklin Pearson born 9 Apr. 1846, died 9 Mar. 1908, Medicine Lodge, Kans., married first in New Mex. Mary L. (Mollie) McCormick born ca 1846, Canada, died and was buried Chicago, Ill. where she had been taken for medical treatment; married second 16 Aug. 1880 Mary Harris, born 9 Feb. 1858, Jackson Co., Mo., died 21 July 1893, Medicine Lodge, Kans., daughter of Alexander and Eliza (Luttrell) Harris of Independence, Mo. L. F. Pearson was a blacksmith, was in New Mex. with his brother William D. for a while where he became a Mason 1867, continuing active in Masonic work from then on. He returned to Cass Co. 1868, lived in Harrisonville, then Everett, where he was Postmaster, then moved to Medicine Lodge, Kans. Of his first marriage was a son, Frank Ernest Pearson, 1871-1949, of Boise, Ida. Of his second marriage were daughters, Mrs. Charles Ernest (Edith) Alderman, born 1881, of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Norman (Ethel) Taylor, 1889-1956, of Chicago, Ill. (5) Martha (Mattie) Pearson born 24 Feb. 1849, married 18 May 1870, Cass Co., Ira Moore, lived Harrisonville and St. Joseph. (6) John W. Pearson born 16 May 1851, married 13 Feb. 1878, Cass Co., Sarah Agnes Mattingly, moved at some time to Ocala, Fla. (7) Henry Charles Pearson born 20 Mar. 1853, died 8 Oct. 1886, married Margaret (Maggie) Burke, 1856-1938. Both are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. Their children were Harry Robert Pearson, 1876-1944, Mrs. B. A. (Jessie J.) Stair, 1879-1928, Fred J. Pearson, 1881-1970, Charles Henry Pearson, 1883-1958 and Walter D. Pearson, 1885-1888. (8) Phoebe Pearson, born 29 Dec. 1855, died 11 Dec. 1860. (9) Nancy Eveline (Kate, Kitty) Pearson born 16 Feb. 1868, died 1946, married 17 Oct. 1877, Cass Co., John J. Burke, 1852-1930. Both are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. They had a daughter Mrs. Bert P. (Beryl L.) Grose, 1879-1938. (10) Sarah Pearson born 7 Mar. 1862, died 3 Dec. 1932, buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, married a Carroll and had daughters, Mrs. Harry (Mary Jane, Mamie) Thomson, died 1971, and Mrs. Ed (Josephine) Thomson, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dudley Pearson.

WILLIAM DUDLEY PEARSON

Son of Robert D. and Jane Lockhart (Belcher) Pearson, William Dudley (Billy) Pearson was born 9 June 1842, Big Creek Twp., Van Buren (Cass) Co., Mo., died 15 June 1907 at his home on East Pearl St., Harrisonville. He and his first wife are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. He married first 18 July 1872, Fort Union, Mora Co., New Mexico, Laura Corbin Hidden born 16 Aug. 1852, Cincinnati, Ohio, died 1 Feb. 1890, Harrisonville, daughter of Charles Hidden of Ohio and San Bernardino Co., Calif.; married second 3 June 1896, Harrisonville, Anjanette (Nettie) Reno, born 23 Mar. 1861, Fulton Co., Ill., died 19 Jan. 1946, Los Angeles, Calif., buried Hollywood Cemetery, Hollywood, Calif.

William D. Pearson farmed until enlisting 1861 in Capt. Shanks Co., Confederate service, Civil War. After 9 months service he was taken prisoner near Lexington, Mo. and 5 weeks later was paroled. In 1862 he went to New Mex. and worked at the saddle and harness business at Fort Union, Mora Co. In late 1872 he returned to Harrisonville, going into the real estate business. He was a Mason, having become a member of Chapman Lodge #95, New Mex., in 1867, and of Cass Lodge #147 in 1873, was a Knight Templar, was a charter member of the Knights of Honor. He and his wife joined the Baptist Church soon after the return to Harrisonville.

In 1877 William D. Pearson bought the home at 909 East Pearl St. which, after his death, became the home of his son-in-law and daughter Judge and Mrs. Leslie M. Crouch, Sr. and is now the residence of their son L. M. Crouch, Jr. The property which included the home place was bought by William D. Pearson's brother Lewis F. Pearson 1873, then by their brother-in-law Amos M. Brown 1875, who built then the original part of the present house.

William D. and Laura C. (Hidden) Pearson had children: (1) Robert Charles Pearson born 10 Dec. 1873, died 14 Nov. 1906, Kansas City, Mo., married Anita K. (Nita) Drane born 6 Apr. 1873, died 3 Oct. 1952. Both are buried Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. Robert C. Pearson taught at various schools in Cass Co., studied law and shorthand and became Cass Co. court stenographer, went to Kansas City 1902 as a court reporter becoming a member of the firm of Brown, Knight, Adams & Pearson. Robert C. and Nita Pearson had daughters Dorothy Pearson, 1899-1959, buried Orient Cemetery, Mrs. Emmet A. (Mildred) Ritter, Sr. and Miss Laura Louise Pearson, both now living at Knox Village, Lee's Summit, Mo. (2) Zadah Laura Pearson, 1875-1945, married Leslie Milton Crouch, Sr. (3) Lulu C. Pearson born 1 Aug. 1878, died 1960, Harrisonville, married 9 Jan. 1902, Cass Co., Charles Schnell, 1875-1922. Both are buried Orient Cemetery. They had no children. (4) William D. (Willie) Pearson, Jr. born 4 Dec. 1880, died 2 June 1883, buried Orient Cemetery. (5) Gladys Vita (Pet) Pearson, twin, born 26 July 1885, died 30 Aug. 1975, Harrisonville, married 4 June 1908, Cass Co., Charles James Burney, died 27 Jan. 1956, Kansas City. She was Clerk of the Probate Office, Cass Co., before her marriage. They and their daughter, Mrs. Joseph A. (Martha Hidden) Leyendecker, 1909-1962, are buried Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City. (6) Frankie Pearson, twin, born 26 July and died 31 Aug. 1885, buried Orient Cemetery. (7) Roscoe Conklin Pearson, born 2 May 1889, died 8 Mar. 1944, Des Moines, Ia., buried Orient Cemetery. He married 23 Mar. 1911 Geneva (Neva) Litchey of Morrill, Kans., born 26 Jan. 1892, died 7 Jan. 1976, Santa Ana, Calif., buried there in Fairhaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Roscoe C. Pearson was a traveling salesman, member of United Commercial Travelers, a Mason, and a Presbyterian. He and his wife had a daughter who died in infancy and daughter, Mrs. Bert E. (Helen) Lee, who lives in Santa Ana, Calif.

William D. and Anjanette (Reno) Pearson had children: (8) Milton Brown (Mac B) Pearson, born 21 Mar. 1897, died 1 Dec. 1965, Los Angeles, Calif., buried Hollywood Cemetery, Hollywood, Calif., married 23 June 1917, Los Angeles, Bernice (Bunny) Standish, born 25 Nov. 1899. They had no children. Mrs. Pearson lives in Los Angeles. (9) Joe Reno Pearson, born 15 June 1898, died 18 Jan. 1899, buried Orient Cemetery.

The Pennington Family in North Carolina in 1911.

E. R. PENNINGTON

The E. R. Pennington family came from Ashe County, North Carolina to Hickman Mills, Mo. in Sept. 1911. Elbert Roby (1868-1959) was one of seven children born to Claiborne Harvey and Charity Celena Perkins Pennington of Grayson, County, Va. He married Emeline Kilby (1870-1917), daughter of Thornton and Phoebe Marilda Weaver Kilby, also of Grayson County.

Roby and Emeline were parents of fourteen children, including a set of twins. Only seven children grew to maturity. March 1915 the Pennington family moved near Belton and farmed land that is now included in the Dykes addition. As a young man Roby taught school. The children attended the Gilmore Elementary and the Belton School. The three youngest children are graduates of Belton High School.

Wayne Fitzhugh (the first born), upon returning from military service in World War I, married Gladys Mae Garnes, Jan. 7, 1920. Gladys was the oldest daughter of Charles Henry and Edith Clendening Garnes of Raymore, Mo. During the early years of their marriage they owned and operated a restaurant. Later they established Belton's first laundry. Both the restaurant and laundry were located on Main Street in Belton. Wayne and Gladys made their home in Cass county until their deaths. Wayne passed away in 1957 and Gladys in 1972. Both are buried in the Belton Cemetery. They were the parents of two children. (1) Charles Elbert married Patricia Ann Smith. Their children are Charles Wayne, Gregory Lynn and Teresa Joyce. They live at Kidder, Mo., with the exception of Charles (Chuck), who lives in Belton. (2) Ona Ruth Pennington married Roy Ralph Smith. They have four daughters, Brenda Kay, Vicki Mae, Penny Rae and Angela Gay. They live in Belton.

Edna Mae Pennington married William Franklin Stubbs, Sr. (died 1971). Their two sons are W. F., Jr. and Edward Leroy. They all are in Kansas City, Mo.

Josie Luvena Pennington married James Edwin Fogle (died 1950). Their son married Carolyn Foltz. They are the parents of James Elbert, Jr., Janice Carol and John Edwin. James Elbert, Jr. married Linda Richerson. With their children, Laura, Lisa and Jamie they live near Peculiar. Janice lives in Kansas City. John Fogle married Janice Hampton. Their daughter is Shelley LeAnn. John with his father and grandmother owns and operates the Fogle dairy near Peculiar, Mo.

Cora Fair Pennington married John Claudius Washburn and lives at Edwards, Mo. They are the parents of Winona

Maxine Feegans, Gwendolyn Radean Porter, Mary Eloise Staggs, Cora Loletta Whitaker, John Robert Washburn and Dale Washburn.

Minta Fay Pennington married Carroll Benjamin McRoberts, Sr. They live in Belton and are the parents of two sons. C. B., Jr. married Juanita Dillard and with their children, Mark Randall, Carol Lynn and Steven Christopher live in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Donald Gene McRoberts married Ladorna Highland and lives in Kansas City. Their children are Rhonda Lee and Ronald Allen. Rhonda married Ivor Sword and has a son, Jason Ivor.

Cally Ossie Pennington married (1) James Banard Brown, Sr. (2) Roy Wheeler, Sr. Her son, J. B. Brown, Jr. lives in Kansas City. He married Donna Lee and has three children, Ritchy Lee, Lisa Lea and Stephen Jay. Ritchy married Debra Gail Foster and lives in Grandview. Roy and Cally Wheeler are residents of Belton.

David Wright (Jack) Pennington married Mary Ann McLean. Their children are Larry, Micheal, Jane, Patricia and David. They live at Frontenac, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. David John Peterson.

DAVID JOHN PETERSON

David John Peterson was born in Freeman, Missouri, October 15, 1876, died August 13, 1955, in Harrisonville at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Alice Belle Peterson Leimkuhler. He was the son of Garrett Buckner Peterson and Nanch Shelton Stark Peterson. He married Dollie Pearl Sutton on April 11, 1900, in Harrisonville. Dollie Pearl Sutton was born November 5, 1881, at Freeman, Missouri, died March 28, 1916 at her home west of Freeman at the age of 34 years. She was the daughter of James Buchanan Sutton and Isabell Duncan Sutton. David John Peterson was a farmer and a carpenter. To this union were born eight children all born at Freeman.

Mabel Equella Peterson, born November 20, 1901, married Charles Franklin Downs September 17, 1920, and to this union were born four children: Charles Franklin Downs, Jr., born September 17, 1921; Robert Leroy Downs, born April 28, 1923; Delmar Leon Downs, born February 21, 1925; and Lila Elmeda Downs, born October 6, 1930. Mabel Equella later married Steve Osborne and after he died she married Jack Gross, and they presently live in Independence.

John William Peterson, born March 21, 1903, married Mary Bearce on September 17, 1926, and to this union were born three children: John Wilbur Monroe Peterson, Kenneth Franklin Peterson and Dora Darlene Peterson Schock. John William later married Beulah Alexander Snowden of Kansas City, Missouri, on April 23, 1952, and they presently live in Harrisonville.

James Garrett Peterson, born July 23, 1905, died December 10, 1973. On February 20, 1929, he married Mary Belle Leimkuhler, born February 20, 1907, died June 22, 1933, daughter of Herman John Leimkuhler and Anna Elizabeth Powell Leimkuhler, and to this union were born two children: A son, who died in infancy and Equella Joanna Peterson, born December 13, 1929. His second marriage was to Edna Pearl Yazel and to this union were born three sons, Jimmy Garrett, David and Ronnie. His third marriage was to Kathryn Roberts of Kansas City, Missouri, in July, 1960. Equella Joanna Peterson made her home with her grandmother, Anna Elizabeth Powell Leimkuhler, after the death of her mother, and graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1947. She graduated from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma in 1957 with a BA degree. On June 13, 1957 she married Paul L. Whitfield, Jr. at the First Christian Church in Harrisonville. Paul was born August 12, 1934, and also graduated from Phillips University in 1957 with a BA degree and in 1960 with a M.DIV. degree. To this union were born two daughters, Mary Emily, born at Enid on August 13, 1958, and Paula Jo, born at Enid on September 21, 1962. Paul and Equella have served various churches in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska and presently live in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, where he is minister of the First Christian Church.

Lucy Dollus Peterson, born April 23, 1907, married Benjamin Harvey Kropf of Garden City, Missouri, on October 4, 1928, at Butler, Missouri. To this union were born three children: Benjamin Harvey Kropf, Jr., born February 7, 1935; Mary Lou Kropf, born June 7, 1940; Bonnie Sue Kropf, born November 12, 1945. Lucy and Benjamin presently live in Independence, Missouri.

Alice Belle Peterson, born January 14, 1909, married Elmer Leimkuhler on August 2, 1929, at Olathe, Kansas. To this union were born three children: Elmer Daniel Leimkuhler, Jr., born May 17, 1930; Evelyn Lucille Leimkuhler, born December 17, 1931; and Elinor Ann Leimkuhler, born August 23, 1933. They were all born in Harrisonville. Alice and Elmer presently live in Harrisonville.

Monetta May Peterson, born September 30, 1912, married Harry Charles Lewis on October 22, 1933, and to this union were born two children: Charles Eugene and Anita Louise. Harry Charles Lewis passed away on July 7, 1974, and Monetta now lives in Greenwood, Missouri.

Roy Lee Peterson, born July 27, 1914, died March 8, 1915.

David Ray Peterson, born March 18, 1916, died May 23, 1916.

GARRETT BUCKNER PETERSON

Garrett Buckner Peterson was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, March 4, 1836, died April 23, 1916, on Easter Sun-

day at age 80. His father died when he was six years old. His mother later married a Mr. Williams and had two more children. Garrett Buckner had four brothers and sisters, namely: Melvin Peterson, John Peterson and Ellen Peterson Collins, who all remained in Kentucky; and Martha Peterson, who married Mell Miller and came to Cass County.

Garrett Buckner Peterson and Nancy Shelton Stark were married March 17, 1859 by the Rev. William Mance in the home of her father, D. J. Stark. Witnesses were Mrs. D. J. Stark and Mrs. Stark's brother and sister, William Bland and Hester Bland. Nancy Shelton Stark was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on October 16, 1838, died November 25, 1919, at age 80, and was the daughter of David and Mildred Stark. Nancy Shelton Stark's brothers and sisters were: David Stark, who was killed in the Civil War; Penellipa Stark, who died while young; Bill Stark; Rhoda Stark and Lizzie Stark, who married Will Davidson.

The Peterson Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Buckner Peterson came to Missouri shortly after their marriage, settling near West Line, Missouri. They were the parents of nine children:

Martha Ellen Peterson, born March 20, 1860, died February 6, 1902, at age 42; married John Morrison on February 26, 1887, and they had seven children. John Morrison died January 26, 1930.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Garrett Peterson was born January 6, 1862, died October 28, 1928, at age 45. She was born shortly after her father left for the Civil War and he was gone four years. She married Horace Nelson on November 24, 1881, and they had six children.

Thomas Jefferson Peterson, born October 4, 1866, died October 27, 1936, at age 70. He never married.

Charles Miller Peterson, born April 28, 1869, died November 12, 1928. He married Alice Graybill on July 19, 1892, and she died June 14, 1949. They adopted a daughter, Reba, and later had a daughter, Dorothy.

William Stark Peterson, born April 15, 1872, and married May Hammontree. They had no children.

Josie Peterson, born May 15, 1874, died March 30, 1949, at age 75. She married Lee Settle on February 25, 1894, and he died May 24, 1954. They had three children: Virgil, who married Annis Briles; Myra, who married John Hayes and James, who never married.

Dora Peterson was born February 4, 1875, died February 12, 1875, at age 8 days.

David John Peterson, born October 15, 1876, died August 13, 1955, at age 79. He married Dollie Pearl Sutton on April 11, 1900, in Harrisonville and she died March 28, 1916. They had eight children as follows: Mabel Equella, John William, James Garrett, Lucy Dollus, Alice Belle, Monetta May, Roy Lee (died in infancy) and David Ray (died in infancy), who were all born near Freeman.

Mildred Nora Peterson, born November 19, 1878, near Freeman, died November 21, 1964, at Freeman. She married Thomas F. Duncan on December 26, 1896, and they had seven children.

ADOLPH WILLIAM PFAFF

The Pfaff family has lived in Cass County since 1897. They originated in Germany and came to New York, then to Kansas City and then moved to Pleasant Hill, in 1897.

Carl Ernest Adolph Pfaff came to New York in 1865. March 16, 1873, he married Wilhemine M. Henrici, who had come to America from Germany a year earlier and was living with a brother in New York. Two children were born to them. One daughter, who died in infancy, a son Harry C. Pfaff, born August 9, 1879 and they raised a foster daughter.

C. E. Adolph Pfaff and family moved to a farm in the Wingate community a short time after moving to Pleasant Hill. He had a bakery in Kansas City, but decided to farm with the help of his son, Harry.

Harry C. Pfaff was married April 7, 1901 to Lena Mae Johnson, daughter of Darius Johnson and Susanna (Roupe) Johnson. Lena was born March 12, 1882 in Raymore, Mo. and died Oct. 12, 1955 in Pleasant Hill. For sixteen years the couple lived on farms in Cass County and Kansas, then moved to Pleasant Hill in 1917. Harry Pfaff was employed at the American Scale Company 34 years, before retiring. He died April 9, 1954. Their children were Adolph William Pfaff, born March 18, 1902; Henrietta W., born Jan. 4, 1904; Bertha Mae, born Oct. 10, 1906; Edward L., born Oct. 12, 1907; Anetta, born Jan. 7, 1914, died Sept. 21, 1922; Charles H., born Feb. 29, 1920 and Kathleen H., born Oct. 18, 1922.

June 15, 1927, in Indep., Mo., Adolph William Pfaff was united in marriage to Violet Marie Dinges, daughter of George W. Dinges and Gertrude E. (Rinker) Dinges. Adolph William Pfaff attended school at Wingate and the Pleasant Hill schools. He worked at the American Scale Company, as a coremaker for 33 years. After leaving that company, using his same skilled trade he worked at the Neville foundry in North Kansas City until it burned. Then he was employed at the R. B. Rice Sausage Company in Lee's Summit, Mo., until he retired in 1971.

Adolph and Violet had one daughter, Billie Jean, born April 9, 1930, at Pleasant Hill, and one son Carl Clay, born June 10, 1936, at Pleasant Hill. He died Aug. 15, 1968, in Kansas City, Mo. Jan. 7, 1955, at the home of her parents Billie Jean married Robert Dale Kimbrell, son of W. A. Kimbrell and Della (Wilburn) Kimbrell, Pleasant Hill, Mo. Carl Clay married Evelyn M. Shackelton, daughter of Henry Shackelton and Fern Shackelton, Lee's Summit, Mo. Evelyn was born Sept. 22, 1935 and died Nov. 28, 1976. Four children were born to Carl and Evelyn: Theresa M., born Nov. 16, 1954, Michael D., born July 5, 1958; Sandra L., born Oct. 3, 1960, died Oct. 16, 1961 and Christopher C., born June 12, 1964.

Adolph William Pfaff, was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill. As a young man he played in the Pleasant Hill town band and the Shires orchestra, he was a member of the Pleasant Hill baseball team in the 1920's, the American Scale Company softball team in the 1930's, and served two terms on the Pleasant Hill city council. He died Dec. 13, 1975, at his home in Pleasant Hill.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

Andrew Monroe Phillips, one of the 6 sons and 6 daughters of A. J. and Fannie E. Phillips, was born May 19, 1865, Aubrey, Kans., where his parents had taken refuge after Order No. 11, returning later to their home 3½ miles SW of Peculiar, Cass Co., Mo. Andrew married Dec. 2, 1886 Anna Belle Bush, born Aug. 10, 1870 on a farm 5 miles W. of Liberty, Mo., eldest child of the 2 sons and 4 daughters of Taylor and Sallie Bush, who, when Anna was 10, moved to 3 miles NW of Freeman, Cass Co. Andrew and his wife located on a farm 2½ miles SW of Peculiar where they lived until 1911 when they retired and moved to Peculiar. They were members of the New Hope Baptist Church many years, later transferring to the Peculiar Baptist Church. They had 3 children: Roy Ernest who married Ora Powell, daughter of James M. and Saleta Laffoon Powell of SW of Peculiar; Cecil Ray who married Mildred Nicol; and Edna Gertrude who married Grover C. Wills.

Roy Ernest and Ora Powell Phillips had 6 children: Naydean, Nona, Glessie, Analeta, Lowell Leroy and Duane P.

Zylpha Naydean Phillips was born June 3, 1911 at the home SW of Peculiar. She attended grade school at Peculiar, Brawley, Calif. and Ottawa, Kans., then high school 3½ years at Ottawa before the family returned to Peculiar where she graduated 1930. At Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., she received her BS degree in Education. She taught the Brush College rural school W. of Harrisonville, and at Grandview, East Lynne and Harrisonville, Mo. On Aug. 16, 1940 she married Elmer Dean Adkins who died Nov. 1975, son of Allen D. and Elizabeth Cummings Adkins of Harrisonville. They had 2 children: Linda Marie born Jan. 8, 1942, married Aug. 5, 1967 Eugene Lee Raybourn, son of John T. and Mary Reese Raybourn of Butler, Mo., and has 4 children, Gina Marie born Jan. 2, 1971, Deana Leigh and Amy Beth, twins, born Dec. 28, 1974, James Eric born Mar. 30, 1976; and Elmer Dean Adkins Jr. who married 1970 Patricia Matthews and has a daughter, Tricia, born Sept. 22, 1971.

Nona Ernestine Phillips was born Jan. 15, 1915 at the home of her Powell grandparents while her parents were living in Greenwood, Mo. where her father managed a hardware store. Five years later they moved to Brawley, Calif. and a year later to Ottawa, Kans. where she went to grade school and 2 years high school, graduating in Peculiar 1932. She attended college at Warrensburg 10 summers and taught winters at schools Rock Ford near Peculiar, Schuyler near Garden City and Mt. Zion near Harrisonville. In Aug. 1940 she married Allen C. Kirk. They have 2 daughters: Lenona Lee, born Jan. 4, 1943, married Richard L. Wilson and has 3 daughters, Katherine Renee born Dec. 22, 1962, Kristine Michele born Dec. 26, 1967, Karen Susanne born Aug. 29, 1969; and Barbara Lou born Sept. 22, 1947, married Ernest L. Russell and has son Robert Allen, born Feb. 9, 1969.

Glessie Irene Phillips attended school in Peculiar and CMSTC at Warrensburg and taught school. She married John L. Garten, veteran of WW II, farmer, in the lumber business. They have 5 children: Mrs. Don (Sheryl Irene) Harper; Mrs. David (Saleta Sue) Hentschel; John L. Jr., who married 1974 Sally Ann Walker; Dee Ora who married 1974 Joseph David Hunter; and Mark Lynn Garten. Their 9 grandchildren are: Donald Gene, Jonalin Sue, Sherri Lynn, Jeffrey Jay, John Phillip and Timothy Murton Harper, and Peter Wallen, Gregory Paul and Jason Lewis Hentschel.

Analeta (name from her grandmothers Anna and Saleta) Phillips was born Apr. 8, 1921, Brawley, Calif. She attended school in Ottawa, Kans. and Peculiar, then CMSTC at Warrensburg and taught school. In Aug. 1946 she married Kenneth Eugene (Gene) Rogers, son of Albert Lee and Mary Ecton Rogers, born Apr. 7, 1920, Harrisonville, attended Tex. Technical College, Lubbock, Tex., veteran of WW II. They have one son, Gary Eugene, born Dec. 1, 1954. When he was 6 weeks old they moved from Peculiar to Grandview, Mo.

Lowell Leroy Phillips was born Aug. 14, 1931 at the home near Peculiar, attended Burney School and was taught by his aunt, Delvena Powell, then, when the family moved to Peculiar, went to school there until his death Mar. 1, 1944.

Duane P. Phillips was born Nov. 18, 1935 at the family home, went to school in Peculiar where he graduated 1953, attended CMSTC in Warrensburg a year, was employed by Hallmark Cards a short while then got into banking and is now an assistant vice-president of the Hickman Mills, Mo. bank. He also has a second career in the field of music. He married June 4, 1966 Roberta Carol Adams, of Kansas City. They live in Grandview, Mo.

HARRISON PHILLIPS FAMILY

William Harrison Phillips, son of Buford and Lucy Settles Phillips, was born in Nicholasville, Kentucky, April 10, 1844. Mary Louise Dutro, daughter of David and Emily Land Dutro, was born in Ohio, June 26, 1852. Later David Dutro died and Emily married Thomas Hair in Virginia. The Phillips family and the Hair family each moved to Illinois and later to Missouri, buying farms about six miles north of Pleasant Hill. Harrison Phillips and Mary Louise Dutro were married August 13, 1868. They had 5 children: Clark, Harry, Lee, Clare and Amy. Clark, Harry and Amy died when very young. Harrison Phillips died May 19, 1909 and Mary Phillips died September 25, 1919. They and the three children are buried in Sloan Cemetery, east of Pleasant Hill. Thomas Hair died February 22, 1894 and Emily Hair died March 12, 1912. They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Lee Phillips was born February 27, 1871 near Pleasant Hill. He was married to Sylvia Elmore and they had 5 children: Jack, Robert, Nellie, William and Theodore. Of this family 2 of the children remain: Nellie E. Phillips Burns of Pleasant Hill and Theodore D. Phillips of Kansas City, Missouri.

Clare Dutro Phillips was born March 28, 1876 in Pleasant Hill. Elizabeth (Bessie) L. Moore, daughter of Henry Thomas Moore and Nancy Graves Moore, was born in Pleasant Hill June 23, 1875. They lived only about a block apart in Old

Town and were often rocked in the same cradle when babies. Henry Thomas Moore was born July 9, 1829 and Nancy Graves was born January 21, 1835, both in Bourbon County, Kentucky. They moved to Pleasant Hill, Missouri in 1854. Nancy Moore died April 17, 1900 and Henry T. Moore died April 9, 1909. They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Clare Phillips and Bessie L. Moore were married in Pleasant Hill, November 27, 1895, in the house on Independence Street now occupied by Mrs. Hazel Myers. They farmed east of town, later moving to town in 1910. They had 7 children: Mary, Clark, Clarence, Mildred, Ernest, Laurence and Josephine. Clark and Clarence both died November 27, 1905. Clark was 5 and Clarence was 2. Ernest died September 7, 1944, and Mary died April 19, 1973. Mildred, Laurence and Josephine are living in Pleasant Hill. Clare Phillips died January 2, 1953 and Bessie Phillips died January 24, 1958. They and the 3 boys — Clark, Clarence and Ernest — are buried in Sloan Cemetery. Mary is buried at Nevada, Missouri.

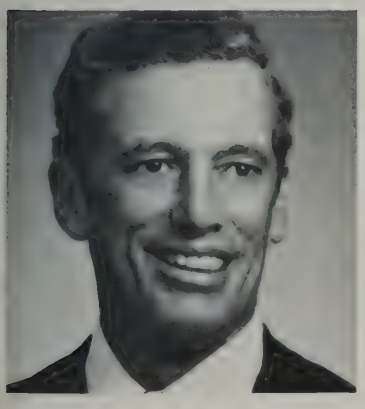
Mary Phillips was born November 22, 1896, near Pleasant Hill. She was married to Archie L. Mahaffey November 15, 1917 and they had 5 children: Robert, Mary, Clare, Gene and Lloyd, and 10 grandchildren: Jack and Janet Gill, Connie, Janie, Charles, Michael, Michelle, Clark, Sara and Kimberly Mahaffey.

Mildred Phillips was born October 21, 1905, near Pleasant Hill. She was married to Ralph Blevans October 23, 1925. They have 1 daughter: Elsie Blevans Kinnison, 2 grandchildren: Don Robert Kinnison and Donna Kinnison Kruger, and 1 great granddaughter: Karin Kinnison.

Ernest Phillips was born February 18, 1908, near Pleasant Hill. He never married.

Laurence Phillips was born January 10, 1910, near Pleasant Hill. He was married to Gertrude Bess Lyons September 26, 1931. They have 2 children: Beverly Phillips Bunch and David Laurence Phillips, and 3 grandchildren: Brenda and Bryce Bunch, and Robert David Phillips.

Josephine Phillips was born in Pleasant Hill March 3, 1912. She was married to Edgar L. Steele May 28, 1947. They have 2 daughters: Delores Steele Brewer and Wilma Steele Meyer, and 5 grandchildren: John, Linda and William Brewer, and Laura and Timothy Meyer.



JAMES H. PHILLIPS

James Herbert Phillips and Lois Ehrlich Phillips live four miles east of Drexel where they operate a hog and crop enterprise. They have three sons: Herbert Martin II, born at Travis Air Force Base, California, November 6, 1957; Scott Wayne, born December 3, 1960, at Taranto, Italy; and David William, born May 29, 1962, at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya.

James Phillips was born at Butler, Missouri, December 16, 1931, but spent his school years at Noel, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1954 with a B.S. in Agriculture. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1967 during which time the family lived in several states, Italy and France. He left the Air Force in 1967 to start the farming operation. He is now a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. James is active in county and state farm organizations and is now state vice-president of Missouri Pork Producers Association.

The Phillips family has been in this area since about 1936. James Herbert is the son of Herbert Martin and LaVeta Ruth McClarnon Phillips. Herbert Martin was the son of George Harmon and Saloma Vance Rains Phillips and was born east of Archie in 1893. George Harmon descended from John Martin and Cynthia Rebecca York Phillips. John Martin Phillips descended from Mordicai and Jane Gordon Phillips, who settled east of Pleasant Hill in 1836, coming from Yadkin County, N. C. Cynthia Rebecca York Phillips was the daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Palina Shore York, who settled northeast of Lone Jack, also coming from Yadkin Co., N.C. about the same time. Other brothers and sisters of Herbert Martin Phillips are Paul, Jed and Kathryn, who are living, and Ray, Nelle and Ethyl, who are deceased.

LaVeta Ruth McClarnon Phillips was born at Garden City, Mo. in 1895, the daughter of Marshall Oscar and Savilla Jane Gray McClarnon. Marshall descended from James Robert and Mary Elizabeth Huntington McClarnon, descendants of William and Elizabeth McClarnon and David and Mary A. Huntington. Savilla descended from John and Sarah Finch Taylor Gray who settled north of Creighton around 1880, coming from Indiana. The brothers of LaVeta Ruth McClarnon Phillips are Jewell Marie (deceased), John Lester McClarnon of Adrian and Robert Gray McClarnon of Drexel.

James Herbert Phillips has one sister, LaVeta Ann Phillips Anderson. She is married to Ralph Robert Anderson and they have two children, Richard Robert and Laura Lynne. Both Ralph and LaVeta have Ph.D.s and are faculty members at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Lois Irene Ehrlich Phillips, born August 23, 1932, at Laddonia, Mo., (Audrain Co.) is the daughter of William McKinley and Leona Stevens Ehrlich. Her brothers are William Stevens Ehrlich of Laddonia and Donald Benjamin Ehrlich of Independence. Lois holds a B.S. in Home Economics from the University of Missouri. William McKinley Ehrlich was born at Laddonia, Mo., in 1896, son of Edward and Sophia Schmidt Ehrlich. Edward Ehrlich came from Germany. Leona Rae Stevens Ehrlich was born at Laddonia, daughter of Benjamin John Stevens (1880) and Lilliam Mae Burch Stevens (1883).

James and Lois and sons live on the 160 acre farm they purchased from the late Jim and Rose Carr. They built one of the first confinement hog operations in Cass County and have continued to expand in intensive swine and crop production. The family received the Cass County Outstanding Achievement Award in the Farm Management Program in 1972. They are active in their membership at Drexel First Baptist Church.

CHARLES W. PITCHER

The ancestors of Charles Willard Pitcher migrated to Illinois at an early date from New York State. Charles R. Pitcher, father of Charles W. Pitcher was born near Morris, Illinois, where he married Betsy Ann Hoag in 1859. She was born in 1839 at Poplin, New Hampshire, daughter of Thomas and Mirinda Hoag. Her father died in 1845 and in 1848 she, with her widowed Mother, three small sisters and a brother — Lydia, Clara, Helen and Leonard went to Ottawa, Illinois by boat and stage coach to make their home with relatives. Charles R. and Betsy Ann Pitcher came to Missouri in 1870, locating on a farm adjoining Burdette, Missouri, Bates County. Charles W. Pitcher was born here September 18, 1877. His father died in 1878. They were the parents of four children; Harriett E. Pitcher Patterson, Edith J. Pitcher Patton, Sherman E. Pitcher and Charles W. Pitcher. Later Betsy Ann Pitcher married George E. Snider and they were the parents of one son, Ray C. Snider. Mr. and Mrs. Snider were Charter members of the Archie Baptist Church. Betsy Ann Snider died in 1923.

Charles W. Pitcher married Anna Edna McCoy at Archie, Mo. in 1903, and they lived their entire lives in Archie and the Mound Valley Community near Archie. They were the parents of five children, Alice Marian Pitcher Robertson, George R. Pitcher (1910-1969), Carl W. Pitcher, Ruth E. Pitcher Dickert and Wayne K. Pitcher. They had three grandchildren; Mary Ann Dickert, daughter of Ruth E. and Ted Dickert, two grandsons, Charles G. Pitcher and Neal K. Pitcher, sons of Wayne K. and Francis Finnell Pitcher.

Anna E. Pitcher died in 1969, and Charles W. Pitcher died in 1973.

Anna E. McCoy Pitcher was born August 24, 1879 on Pink Hill, Archie, Mo.; daughter of George Dallas McCoy and Martha Jane Cook McCoy. He was an early day settler near Archie, Missouri. He was born in Fulton County Illinois in 1844, son of Wilson and Martha Humphrey McCoy. The family name was McCaughy, later changed to McCoy. George D. McCoy came to Archie, Missouri in 1869 and located on a farm one-half mile west of Archie on Pink Hill, where he died in 1929. He married Martha Jane Cook, daughter of Thomas and Malinda Wyatt Cook in 1873. The Cooks came to Missouri, when their children were small, by covered wagon, and settled on a farm west of Archie. Martha Jane McCoy was a Charter member of the Archie Methodist Church. She died in 1917.

George D. and Martha Jane McCoy were the parents of five children; William N. McCoy, Anna E. McCoy Pitcher, Kate McCoy, Mary Ellen (Mayme) McCoy and James L. McCoy. William N. McCoy married Marie Weddington. They were the parents of George W. McCoy, who married Lillian McBride. They had two sons, William and James McCoy. James L. McCoy married Eva Moudy and they were parents of Lorita Fern McCoy (1926-1934).

The Pitcher and McCoy families are buried at Crescent Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Missouri.

Steven Curtis Pitts and Randy Martin Pitts.

PITTS-FORD

Romulus Pitts and his wife came to Missouri from Casey County Ky. and located on a farm south of Belton. They were the parents of 9 children. About the same time Martin A. Taylor and wife came, also, from Casey County, Ky. and settled near Dallas, Mo. They became the parents of seven children. They then moved to a farm west of Peculiar, Mo. One child from the Pitts family and one from the Taylor family became good friends which developed into a courtship. They being Pearlie H. Pitts and Mary Taylor. To this union was born 6 children. They moved from the farm to Belton March 20, 1922. Mr. Pitts was a resident of that city until his death in 1963. Mrs. Pearlie (Mary) Pitts still resides in Belton. One son of this union was Romulus Martin Pitts who has lived in Cass County all his life. He was called to duty in 1954 to serve in the U.S. Army and while stationed in Texas he met Frances Louise Ford of Bryson, Texas. She was the daughter of Wright Rolland Ford and Eva V. Ford. She has one sister and two brothers still living in Texas. Frances Ford's mother, Eva V. Ford passed away in 1975. Her father still maintains his home in Lubbock, Texas. Upon discharge from the U.S. Army, Romulus Martin Pitts and Frances Louise Ford were married September 5, 1954 in Bryson, Texas. Upon returning from Texas they have spent their entire married life in Belton. They are the proud parents of Randy Martin Pitts, born March 4th 1958 and Steven Curtis Pitts born April 6th 1961. Both sons attend the Belton School System. Romulus and Frances are engaged in the management of their own real estate and investment properties.

MICHAEL PLANK

Michael Plank was born in Pennsylvania in 1822, the son of Christian and Rebecca (Lapp) Plank. He came to Cass County in 1879 and lived on a 95 acre farm near Garden City. In 1847 he married Nancy Byler and they had nine children; Christian C., John, Moses, Samuel, Michael, Jacob, David, Malinda and Elizabeth. Christian was the oldest, being born in 1848, and came to Cass County as a young man with his parents. In 1877 Christian and Lydia Yoder were married and they, too, lived on a farm north of Garden City. They were the parents of twelve children: Oliver and Ollie, twins, Oscar,

Mr. and Mrs. Christian C. Plank.

Orlie, Marion, Emery, Christy, Myrtle, Leslie, Fred, Freeman and Sylvia (Mrs. H. D. Hostetler of Garden City).

Oliver Joy Plank was born in Cass County in 1878 and remained in that area all his life. He received his education (up to the eighth grade) at the Clearfork school, a rural school north of Garden City. In 1905 he married Ida Schrock, the daughter of Jacob B. and Elizabeth (Peachey) Schrock, in her parent's home. Oliver enjoyed living and played many jokes on his family and friends. He served as assessor for Index Township for several years and later became the township collector. They were the parents of five boys and three girls.

The oldest daughter, Jewell, died in Colorado Springs in 1929 at the age of 21. The oldest son, Clayton, and wife (Edna) live in Temple City, California. Glada, the second daughter and husband (Fred Riffle) live near LaTour and are the parents of seven children: Raymond lives in Chicago; John T. and wife (Barbara) live in Independence, Mo.; Jim and wife (Shirley) live in LaTour; Richard and wife (Carolyn) live in Garden City; Barbara and husband (Bill Davis) live in Kansas City; Beverly and husband (Berle Andes) live in Garden City; Don and wife (Gail) live in Harrisonville. Glada and Fred have 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The second son, Roy, and wife (Esther) live in Peculiar, Missouri and are the parents of one daughter, Barbara, and three grandchildren. Barbara and husband (John Gillen) live in Harrisonville. The third son, Stanley, and wife (Dorothy) live in Kansas City and are the parents of two sons, Doug and Darrell, and have one grandchild. The third daughter, Alberta, and husband (Ralph Schindler) live in Garden City. The fourth son, Robert, and wife (Lil) live on a farm north of Garden City. The fifth son, Gerald, and wife (Anna June) live in Belton and own Plank Ford Company there. Mrs. Oliver Plank died in 1932. Oliver married Clara Neuenchwander in 1951 and resided in Garden City until his death in 1962. Cass County was the home of the Planks for almost a century and many of their descendants live there today.

JACOB POLAND

Jacob Poland and Lydia Ann Baker were married in Delaware County, Ohio on October 14, 1855. Their children were born there and the entire family went by railroad train to Cass County, Missouri in December 1879. Jacob and Lydia bought a farm in Section 22 of Everett Township and lived the remainder of their lives there.

Jacob was a son of Peter Poland and his fourth of five wives, each of whom left him a widower except for the fifth who survived him. Peter and his first wife had gone on horseback to their wedding and on the return home, as they were going through some timber, the horse threw the young bride and broke her neck, killing her. Jacob was born April 15, 1831 and died July 23, 1883. Lydia was born June 22, 1836, a daughter of Peter G. Baker and his wife, Elizabeth Gross, and died March 19, 1910. Jacob and Lydia are buried in the Everett Cemetery in Everett Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Poland.

Jacob and Lydia Poland were parents of five children. John Austen was born October 6, 1856, married Pauline Jane Brown in 1882 and had a daughter, Buena. Simon Peter ("Pete") was born November 22, 1860, married Emeline Brown (sister of Pauline) in 1883 and had a son Raymond G. William Lewis, born November 24, 1866, married Katie Chandler in 1898 (no children). Emery J. was born February 1, 1872 and his wife's name was Beryl (no children). Bertha Ann, the only daughter, born January 30, 1875, married Paris Clingman Flanary in 1898 and had 9 children.

JOHN PORTER

John Porter and Martha Gibson were married in 1813 in Guernsey County, Ohio. They owned land in the Military District which was sold by the government. Early County records show that John was a proprietor, a Justice of the Peace and a miller.

Martha Gibson's parents, William and Nancy Larison Gibson had moved to Ohio from Washington Co., Pa., and William's parents had come from Ireland. In 1806 William and Nancy Gibson and six of their children lived in Newellstown, Belmont County, Ohio, but the following year they moved further west into what is now Guernsey County (then Muskingum) and selected 320 acres of land in the Military District. The family carried their goods on pack horses and drove their cattle and sheep from Newellstown to Cambridge. There they obtained two boats and lashed them together, loaded them with their household goods and floated them downstream to the site of their future home. The animals were taken through the woods near the creek because there was not even a trail through the forest to the homesite.

Of the twelve Gibson children one died in infancy. The others were John, Martha, Henry, James, George, Elizabeth, Mary Lucinda, Abel, Thomas and Hiram. In 1817, when John, the oldest, married, William Gibson gave him 60 acres of land across the creek. In 1828 John laid out a town on that site which he named Liberty. The name was changed about 1850 to Kimbolten, the name of a town in England, and today boasts they are the only town of the name in the United States.

Martha Gibson and John Porter had the following children: Charles, William, James, Nancy, Jane, George, John, Jr., Ebenezer, Albert, twins Martha and Ann and Harrison. John Porter died 12 Sept. 1845, and Martha Porter died 11 Aug. 1878.

Charles Porter, son of Martha and John Porter was born 4 June 1815 in Guernsey County, Ohio. He operated a Grist Mill outside the town of Kimbolten. He married (1) Ellen Chambers and they had one child, William Harrison. Charles married (2) Atsey Drake who was born 3 May 1813 in Maryland. They were parents of: Martha, married Zebulon Bliss; Caroline, married William Campbell; James; Ebenezer, married Angeline Roberts; Jerome, married Emma Wire; Samuel, married Susan Eddy; William Anderson, married Eliza Booth; Marilda Jane, married Samuel Gibson; James and Wesley, married Levina Stephens. Charles Porter died 4 Aug. 1880 and Atsey died 30 Aug. 1882. Both are buried in the Old Liberty Cemetery in Kimbolten, Ohio.

Wesley Porter was born 9 Mar. 1859 in Guernsey Co., Ohio and married Levina Stephens 13 Dec. 1877. She was the daughter of Joshua and (Sarah Statler) Stephens and was born 10 Mar. 1859. Levina's grandfather, William Stephens was a member of Capt. Abednego Stephens' Company of the Bedford County Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Wesley Porter was a farmer and a miller, but in 1895 he moved his family to Texas where he grew cotton and raised sheep. Wesley and Levina were parents of: Ida May, married Lon Gainor, Sadie, died in childhood; Elizabeth, married Samuel Dugan; Ira Elace, married Allie Etta Sears; Theodore Anderson, married Zedna Bramhall; John Wesley; Charles Fredrick, killed in France during World War I; Jennie, married Roberson; Grover Cleveland, married Kate Robinson; Bessie Alice, married John Sellers, Melvin Earl, married Lola; Beatrice Lillian, married Jack Royal and Rose Evelyn, married D. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Porter in 1917.

THEODORE ANDERSON PORTER

Theodore Anderson Porter was born Nov. 28, 1884, in Guernsey County, Ohio. When he was about 11 years old the family moved to Texas and one of his earliest memories was of the train ride from Ohio. He was impressed by the kindness of the conductors to his mother who was traveling with nine children.

As a youth Ted learned to ride well and 'broke' horses for neighboring ranchers. When he was still very young he moved to Kansas to live with an older married sister and he started to work with a Construction firm building bridges. While he was with this crew they began work on a bridge over the Pomme de Terre in Hermitage, Mo. and it was there that he met Zedna Bramhall. They were married Jan. 10, 1917, in Wichita, Kansas and for several years they lived in various parts of that State, wherever Ted's work took them. They came to Harrisonville in the late 1920's when Ted was hired by Ben Prater and this became their permanent home. For several years Ted worked for the Cass County Bridge Crew and later he and Howard Russell worked together in Construction.

Zedna Bramhall Porter was born Nov. 1, 1894, in Miller County, Mo. She was the only child of William and Nancy Emmaline (Wall) Bramhall. She spent most of her early years in the home of her maternal grandparents Robert Jefferson and Mary Ann (Long) Wall in Hermitage, where she received her education.

Ted and Zedna Porter were parents of four children; Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1917, married Ralph Coble; Helen Louise, born May 18, 1919, married (1) Joe F. Little, and had daughters, Judy Helen, born April 5, 1939, married Richard Berry, and had children, Sandy Hope, Richard Keith and Kendall Trace: JoAnn, born Dec. 4, 1944, married Alfred Tom Jennings and had children, Theodore Charles and Rachel Joanna; Helen married (2) Ray J. Flack; Theodore J., born June 13, 1923, died Dec. 12, 1966, married Goldia Troxel and had children: Theodore J. II, Patricia Marie, Ralph Anderson, and Paula Jean; Jo-Ann born Aug. 29, 1931, married Robert Franklin Van Meter, and had one son, Robert Douglas Van Meter, born Dec. 31, 1955.

Zedna Porter died Nov. 14, 1973, and three months later Feb. 13, 1974 Ted died. They had been married over 56 years. They are buried in Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville.

ABSALOM AND CALVIN POWELL

When Missouri was being settled, several of the Powell brothers and their families came and homesteaded in various sections of the State. Two of these brothers were Absalom and Calvin Powell. Absalom settled near Lone Jack or Lee's Summit. Calvin homesteaded in the Peculiar neighborhood. Others settled farther south. Absalom wrote his parents asking them to come to Missouri, and he would give them 160 acres

of his land. The parents loaded their possessions in a covered wagon and started to Missouri. Absalom died before they reached Missouri and the father died of cholera on the way. When Mother Powell reached Missouri she had no place to go, so Calvin said he would give her 85 acres of his land if she would come to Peculiar. They built a log house for her and she and the younger children lived there until she died.

When Calvin Powell died his property was sold to Drury Laffoon. Drury Laffoon's daughter, Saleta, had married James M. Powell and they lived in Riley County, Kansas, near Manhattan. Drury Laffoon told them that an adjoining 130 acres was for sale. They returned immediately and purchased this additional ground. At Martin Powell's death, his farm was sold at auction and James M. Powell bought it. With this purchase, they owned 215 acres, which still belongs to the family of James M. Powell. At the death of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell, the property went to their two daughters, along with some town property in Peculiar that Powell purchased in 1915 for his retirement years. A great-granddaughter and her family live on the main farm and a granddaughter and her family live on ten acres of the original farm. One daughter, Delvena Powell, a school teacher in Cass County for about fifty years, passed away in 1965. The second daughter, Mrs. Ora (Powell) Phillips and her husband, Roy Phillips, both passed away in 1968.

Soon after coming to Missouri, the James M. Powell family joined the West Union (New Hope) Baptist Church, where he was ordained a deacon. Their membership was transferred to the Peculiar Baptist Church when they moved to Peculiar about 1915.

BARBARA ANN (GRIFFITH) POWELL

Barbara Ann Griffith (Nov. 7, 1917 Manila, Ark.) was the second child of Edgar M. and Georgia (Cowan) Griffith. In 1919, following the father's discharge from World War I, she returned with her parents and sister, Dixie Faye, to their home in Creighton, Missouri. She graduated from Creighton High School in 1935 (the first class to graduate from the now four year school.) She attended Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg and graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1939. In 1939-40 she taught in the Harrisonville elementary school.

June 3, 1940, Barbara Griffith and Fred K. Powell, Jr. (Apr. 1, 1915 St. Louis, Mo.) were united in marriage at the St. Peters Episcopal Church, Harrisonville, Mo. They resided in Schenectady, New York, where Mr. Powell was employed as an engineer for the General Electric Co. On Oct. 23, 1943, a son, F. Kirkland Powell III, was born. In 1948, the family moved to Buffalo, New York, where he was employed by the American Machine and Foundry Co. Two years later they moved to New York City, N.Y. (Valley Stream, L.I.) where he served for many years as Vice-President in charge of Engineering.

In 1953, Barbara Griffith Powell and son, Kirk, became residents of Harrisonville, Mo. She has served as a part of many community programs. City Park Commission from its inception until 1970, a member of the first class (7) of Red Cross "Gray Ladies" to serve the local hospitals and vice-chairman of the organization. She is an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

FREDERIC KIRKLAND POWELL III

F. "Kirk" Powell (October 23, 1943, Schenectady, New York) is the son of Barbara Griffith and Fred K. Powell, Jr. He attended public school in Buffalo, New York, Valley Strea, L. I., New York and the Harrisonville public schools, graduating from Harrisonville High School in 1961 and the University of Missouri at Columbia Journalism School in 1966. He was united in marriage to Janet Sue Heusi (August 4, 1943), daughter of Clarence and Ruth (Biesemeyer) Heusi of Warrenton, Missouri.

Following their graduation from the University of Missouri, Kirk was employed by the Rochester, New York "Times-Union" where he was employed by the advertising department. In 1968 the family returned to Harrisonville, where he was employed as news-editor for the Cass County Democrat-Missourian. Two daughters have been born to this union: Stacey Elizabeth Powell (October 19, 1965, Columbia, Missouri) and Victoria Lee Powell (November 25, 1968, Harrisonville, Missouri). They are communicants of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

On October 1, 1975, Kirk and Jan assumed ownership of the Holden Progress, a newspaper at Holden, Missouri, where they have made their home since March, 1976.

JONATHAN POWELL

Jonathan Powell, son of Joseph and Hannah (Jewson) Powell was born on March 14, 1795 in Claiborne, Co., Tenn. Jonathan and Anna (Rice) Powell, his wife came to Mo. in 1851 after their sons, Jonathan R. and Calvin had come in 1840. Jonathan died shortly afterwards, Anna moved to Cass Co., Mo. and lived there until her death in 1860. They were the parents of 14 children; George, Calvin, James, Elmira, Joseph, Polly, Richard, Jonathan R., Martin, Roseanna, Hiram, Alvis, Isaac and Silas.

Jonathan R. Powell, son of Jonathan and Anna (Rice) Powell, was born on Dec. 8, 1830 in Claiborne Co., Tenn. He settled on a farm near Peculiar, Mo. He married Elizabeth Clementine Bailey on Aug. 4, 1856 in Cass Co., Mo. They had 8 children: James, Wiley, Joseph Henry, Josie, Benjamin, William, Isaac and Richard. Jonathan R. was a farmer and the owner of 160 acres in the NW ¼, Sec. 22, Twp. 45, Rg. 33, Cass Co., Mo. Jonathan R. died on May 4, 1898 and Elizabeth Clementine died on Nov. 24, 1876. They are buried in the West Union Cemetery between Peculiar and Cleveland, Mo.

William Isaac Powell, son of Jonathan R. and Elizabeth Clementine (Bailey) Powell was born on May 5, 1863 in Cass Co., Mo. He married Fannie Elizabeth Phillips on Dec. 11, 1889 and they had 3 children; Ada Pearl, Josie Iona and

Glenn Isaac. William Isaac died on April 23, 1944, and Fannie Elizabeth died July 17, 1952. They are buried in the West Union Cemetery.

Ada Pearl Powell, daughter of William and Fannie Elizabeth (Phillips) Powell was born on Sept. 27, 1890 in Cumminsville, Atchinson, Co., Kansas. She married James Washington Suddarth Sept. 1, 1909 in Peculiar, Mo., they had 2 children; Lila Pearl and J. W.

The following quotes are from a personal history written in 1972 by Ada Pearl (Powell) Suddarth:

"A glimpse of my life memories through the years. My parents, William Isaac Powell and Fannie Elizabeth Phillips were born in Cass County, Mo. I had one sister, Iona and one brother, Glenn. I was born at Cummingsville, Kansas. When I was one year old, we came back to Mo. where we always made our home. My school days through the eighth grade were the Burney School or known as the Fairview School, which was about a hundred yards from our home. My sister and I went home to lunch every day at noon.

At country school we had every grade from the primary to the eighth. I joined the West Union Baptist Church when I was 14 years old, the church was about five miles away, we attended regularly, driving a team of horses hitched to a carriage. I played the pedaled organ for church when I was 13. We only had two years of high school then at Peculiar, so when I was 17 I was at Warrensburg College for one summer term, studying teacher training, also had piano at the conservatory before I came home from school. In 1909 Wash and I were married at my home at high noon, September 1st. We left that P.M. for Kansas City, Mo., my first trip to Kansas City. We were with Wash's folks the next year on the farm. After that we were on our own. In 1914 I moved my church membership from the West Union to the Freeman Baptist Church. I played piano for the male quartet, also was church pianist for 31 years, was O.E.S. organist 30 years. We farmed for about 30 years, Wash was a good farmer and stockman, he had a prize winning dapple gray team of mares, had driving team named Starlight and Midnight, had riding horses. During those years Lila Pearl was born on October 5th, 1915 at the Suddarth homeplace on the farm. J. W. was born July 10, 1918 on the John Colburn farm near Freeman. The children finished high school at Freeman, Lila Pearl married Ray Bourland at seventeen. J. W. married Dorothy Burgoon in 1938. I have three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Wash passed away at his home in 1953. In 1944 J. W. entered the service, he was gone two years. In 1945 we bought our home in Freeman. Wash quit farming. He then worked for Stanolind Oil Co. where he had his heart attack. J. W. has retired from the Oil Co., he is now at Springfield, Mo. in business."

Lila Pearl Suddarth, daughter of James Washington and Ada Pearl (Powell) Suddarth was born on Oct. 5, 1915 in Cass Co., Mo. She was baptized and became a member of the Peculiar Baptist Church on Aug. 31, 1930, and later became a member of the Freeman Baptist Church. She graduated from Freeman High School on May 19, 1933. She married Ray Milbourn Bourland on Dec. 17, 1932. They had 2 children; Shirley Jean and Gerald Wayne. Lila Pearl died Jan. 16, 1965, and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan R. Powell.

JONATHAN R. POWELL

Other children of Jonathan and Elizabeth Clementine: Joseph H. Powell — history being written by his daughter Mrs. Tina Moul and granddaughter Callie Bartholomeu of Drexel. Wm. Isaac — history being written by daughter, Mrs. Ona Callaway of Collins, Mo. Wiley B., born 1861 and died 1899. He married Louis McCoy and lived at Cleveland, Mo. Their 4 children are: Rolla, Maggie, Allena and Gladys. Rolla, born 1888 never married. Resided in Cleveland, Mo. Maggie, born 1890 married Roscoe Hamilton. Their children are: Glennard, Willa, Adele, Doris Barbara and Wiley M. Allena, born 1893, married Harry Truax. Children are: Mardele, Harry, Wanda and Billy Don. Her family resides in Gillett, Arkansas. Gladys, born 1897, married Everett Bouck. Children are Twila, Naomi, Adele, Zoezell, LuBelle. With her husband, Chas. Lowe now resides in Orlando, Fl. Josie Lelia, born 1866. Married Charles T. Noland and passed away 1925. They spent entire married life in Cleveland, Mo. Having no children, Aunt Dobie and Uncle Charlie were loved by all nieces and nephews. Richard, born 1869, died 1927. Married Mary Ann Moul of Western Cass County. They had one son, Walter Leslie. They later moved to Brawley, Ca. Leslie, born 1903, married Edna Crane of Colorado. Their one daughter, Peggy Jean, is married to Victor McClain. Jean's two children are Victoria Leslie and Rick Steven. The entire family continues to reside in California.

Benjamin Clemants, born 1872, died 1948. Ben married Lizzie McCoy and lived at Cleveland, Mo. They had one son, Richard Harland.

(Ben's mother died when he was quite small. He was never given a name, just called "Baby". One day he ran away from home and was picked up by a man named Ben Clemants — so the child named himself for his friend.)

Harland, born 1897 married Inez Park in 1924. They resided in Cleveland and Grandview, Mo. Harland passed away in 1963.

(See Jonathan Powell sketch).

JOSEPH POWELL

The Powell ancestors are Welch Quaker descent. The name was originally Ap'Howell. Early arrivals from Wales settled in Tennessee and other eastern states.

The Joseph Powell Family.

Joseph, son of John and Nancy Todd Powell, was a Revolutionary officer. He was born in 1750 and died 1818. He took as his third wife, Hannah Jenson. One of their sons was Joab. Rev. Joab Powell was an early pastor of Six Mile Church, eastern Jackson County. In mid 1800's he went to Oregon and was known as the "Billy Sunday of Oregon pioneer days".

Another son, Jonathan, born 1795, married Anna Rice in Tennessee. Of their many children Absolom and Calvin homesteaded in Missouri when it was first being settled. They wrote to their parents, asking them to come to Missouri "Land of Promise". Absolom had settled near Lone Jack and Calvin came to Peculiar. Jonathan loaded family and possessions in a covered wagon and started.

Absolom died before their arrival, and Jonathan died of cholera on the way. Instead of settling near Lone Jack, the mother and children came to Peculiar. Calvin gave them 85 acres of his land. A log house was built. The mother lived there until her death, then the acreage was bought by her son, Martin. Since he never married, at his death the 85 acres was sold from the courthouse steps and was purchased by James M. Powell, a grandson of Jonathan and Anna. James M. had moved to Missouri from Riley County, Kansas. He had originally purchased 130 acres which was next to land owned by his wife's father, Drewry Laffoon. It also adjoined the 85 acres of Martin Powell. The original log house remained standing until early 1960's, when destroyed by fire. Jonathan R., another son of Jonathan, born 1830, married Elizabeth Clementine Bailey. Their children were James Marion, Joseph H., Wiley B., Josie Lelia, Wm. Isaac, Richard and Benjamin C. James, born 1857, married Saleta, daughter of Drewry and Manerva Stone Laffoon. They had 2 daughters: Delvena and Ora Manervia. Jim passed away in 1926 and Saleta in 1929.

Delvena, born 1880, a beloved teacher of nearly 50 years, died in 1965.

Ora, born 1888, married Roy E., son of A.M. and Anna Bush Phillips. Ora and Roy passed away one month apart in 1968. Their children are: Zylpha Naydean, Nona Ernestine, Glessie Irene, Analeta Marie, Lowell LeRoy and Duane Powell. Naydean, born 1911, married Elmer D. Adkins. Their children are: Linda Marie and Elmer Dean, Jr. Linda married Gene Raybourn and lives in Appleton City, Mo. Their children are: Gina Marie, Twins — Deana Leigh and Amy Beth and James Eric.

E.D., Jr. married Patricia Matthews and lives in Sedalia, Mo. They have one daughter, Tricia Dean. Nona, born 1915, married Allen C. Kirk. Their 2 daughters are: Lenona Lee and Barbara Lou. Lenona married Richard R. Wilson and lives in Kansas City, Mo. They have three daughters: Kathryn Renee, Kristine Michelle, Karen Suzanne. Barbara married Ernest L. Russell and lives in Jacksonville, Fl. They have one son, Robert Allen.

Glessie, born 1917, married John L. Garten. Their children are: Sheryl Irene, Saleta Sue, John Loten, DeeOra Lane, Mark Lynn. Sheryl married Donald Harper and lives at Peculiar. Their children are: Donald Gene, Jonelyn Sue, Sherri Lynn, Jeffrey Jay, John Phillip, Timothy Murton. Saleta married David Hentschel and lives at Grandview. They have three sons: Peter Wallen, Gregory Paul, Jason Lewis. J. L. married Sally Ann Walker and resides at Peculiar. DeeOra married Joseph D. Hunter and lives in Peculiar. Mark Lynn graduating from Peculiar High School this spring.

Analeta, born 1921, married Kenneth Eugene Rogers. One son, Gary Eugene, is starting his teaching career.

Lowell, born 1931 and died in 1944.

Duane, born 1935, married Roberta Carol Adams. He is organist at Spring Valley Baptist Church and is Vice President of United Missouri Bank of Hickman Mills.

JOSEPH HENRY POWELL

Joseph Henry, third son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Powell, was born near Cleveland, Missouri, January 4, 1859 and died in Fort Collins, Colorado, January 23, 1941. He was married to Julia Etta Rice born Dec. 7, 1867 and died Aug. 15, 1953 of Randolph, Kansas, January 16, 1886. They started housekeeping near Cleveland in the West Union community. Eleven sons and daughters were born to this couple. Before the birth of the youngest, Joseph had moved with his family to the Prairie View neighborhood near Drexel. The children attended rural schools at Mayflower, Prairie View and Drexel High School. Five of the older daughters, Minnie Lelia, born February 27, 1887, Henrietta Fay, born December 17, 1888, Amanda Clementine (Tina) born May 15, 1890, Lora Jean, born December 9, 1895, and Dottie Rice born Aug. 4, 1898, taught schools in Cass County. Florence Elva, born March 10, 1894, taught piano. Lelia, eldest child, married Walter Hockaday of Peculiar December 25, 1909 and started their home in the log cabin on the original Powell homestead near Peculiar where their eldest child, Marietta was born December 2, 1910. Three more children were born in this family, Henry Abbott, November 26, 1913, Edmund Earl, June 11, 1918, and Lela Mae, July 25, 1926. Lelia Powell Hockaday, who lived her entire life in the Peculiar vicinity, died June 10, 1935. Three more Powell daughters were married in Cass County and two of these started housekeeping here. Henrietta Fay married Claud F. Hey, Drexel, June 5, 1910, and their daughter Henrietta Ruth was born April 19, 1911 in Drexel where they started their home. Claud was in the Drexel Mercantile Store before moving to North Kansas City. Fay died in North Kansas City on October 21, 1971. Amanda Clementine (Tina) married J.W.H. Moul, Cleveland, June 23, 1915 and they left Cass County for California on their wedding day. They returned a year later and John pastored Austin Baptist Church as he finished getting his degree from William Jewell College. He had been ordained as a Baptist minister in the

West Union Baptist Church and preached his first sermon there. Five daughters were born to Tina and John. Tina moved back to Drexel in June 1972. Lora Jean married Bergie Irish, Drexel, August 5, 1916 and lived on the Irish home place near Drexel for a time, teaching Prairie View school. Their only son, William Nelson Irish, born November 20, 1921, gave his life in 1943 in World War II. After thirty years in the teaching profession, Jean retired as Elementary school principal in the Fort Collins, Colorado school system. A new elementary school there has been named the Jean Irish School in her honor. Florence Elva Powell married James T. Gary in California September 14, 1919 and five children were born to them. She lived her entire married life there and died July 22, 1963. Dottie Rice Powell Hebel, born Aug. 4, 1898 has two sons. Dottie, a retired school teacher, lives in California. Her talent as an artist has won her many awards. Alpha Loraine Powell, born August 4, 1900 married Ira Harold Head in Fort Collins, Colorado August 11, 1928. They had no children. She retired as secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in Longmont, Colorado where she has lived for many years. Carl Henry Powell, born January 27, 1903, married Neva P. Gibbs May 27, 1927. They live in Delta, Colorado and have two daughters. Carl is a retired Vocational Agriculture teacher and County Agent. Benjamin Wayne Powell, born January 10, 1905, died January 25, 1906. Lois Alberta Powell, born December 21, 1906, married John R. Little June 5, 1928 in Fort Collins, Colorado. They live in Boulder, Colorado — both retired teachers, Dr. Little from the University of Colorado at Boulder and Alberta as elementary teacher. They have two children, a son and daughter. Now in Denver, Colorado, Charlie Walter Powell, born February 4, 1911, married Margaret E. Turner, October 6, 1934, and have one son. A retired Colonel in the United States Army, having served under General Eisenhower in World War II, Charlie is retired from civilian work also. Joseph had moved with his wife and unmarried children to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1917 and was custodian of the Jr. High School until he retired. He then began making native cedar lamps and tables as a hobby, but public demand for his beautiful work caused him to be very busy but happy. Joseph and Etta are buried in West Union Cemetery near Cleveland where so much of their life was lived.

ROBERT JAMES POWELL

Robert James Powell was born in Lee's Summit, Missouri on July 1, 1895, the son of Robert James, Sr. and Ella May Powell. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother a native of Illinois. At the age of six years, he moved with the family to Paola, Kansas. In the Kansas towns of Paola and Osawatomie, he received his public education, furthering it in a Business College of Kansas City, Missouri. He answered the call of his country in World War I, serving in the United States Navy. At the time of signing of "The Armistice" he was stationed in France. Upon his return home, and after his Navy discharge, he became interested in farming.

He left Kansas, came to the home of an aunt and uncle in Missouri. These close relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pollard, early day settlers of the Daugherty, Missouri community. This community is located six miles southeast of Harrisonville, Missouri, the county seat of Cass County. He lived in their home for two years and assisted in the general farm work of the 160 acres of choice land. In 1921 he was united in marriage with Naomi Noell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Noell of the same community — they, too, were of the pioneers. She had been a school teacher in the rural school system. For one year they lived in the town of Daugherty, Missouri, then moved to the Ballard Farm, making it their home for the forty-nine years of their marriage.

Their family consisted of three daughters, Ruth Lorraine Mathis, wife of James Mathis of Kansas City. Helen Deane Smith is married to Robert Smith. They live in the Daugherty Community — and Winona Kay Powell of Tucson, Arizona. She is a music teacher in the Tucson, Arizona School System. She has elected this state her home.

There are two grandchildren. Lynda Lee Smith Moravec (daughter of the R. L. Smiths), wife of Rod Moravec. Their daughter is Lisa Kay. Harrisonville, Missouri is their home. And Robert Deane Smith, son of the Robert L. Smiths, attends school in Harrisonville.

Robert James Powell was an industrious, progressive farmer. For many years he engaged in Grade A Dairying. At the time holding a top herd of Guernsey cattle. He was an interested member of his community. He served on his rural school board for many years. He was an official member of his church, The South Methodist Church, which later became The United Methodist. The Powell family has ever had uppermost on their hearts the growth of this Institution, of which all have been members and have been privileged to attend. Robert James Powell met his death by accident in Las Cruces, New Mexico on the evening of March 14, 1970.

RODNEY TODD POWELL

Rodney Todd Powell, son of Charley Jonathan and Sarah Elizabeth (Hayden) Powell, was born 1891, Gardner, Kans., died Mar. 14, 1976, near Belton, Mo. He married 1914 Dora Elsie Ortolf of Edgerton, Kans., born 1894, died June 8, 1973. Both are buried in the Belton Cemetery.

Charley Jonathan Powell, 1860-1944, and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Hayden, 1866-1949, of Gardner, Kans., had 3 sons, George Hayden, 1886-1952, Vernon Hiram, 1888-1919, and Rodney Todd. Charley Jonathan Powell was the first son of Hiram Powell, 1837-1897, and his wife Eda Mahala Massey. 1839-1921, married 1858, daughter of Abel and Judith (Farmer) Massey of West Union, Cass Co., Mo. Hiram Powell had settled near West Union in 1851. During the unsettled Civil War time when Eda was expecting their second child she carried their first son and rode horseback across the line to Kansas, traveling by day while her husband traveled by night to escape being killed. In 1866 they settled at Antioch, Kans., are buried in the Antioch Cemetery. They had 12 children. Hiram Powell was son of Jonathan Powell, died 1850, and his wife Anna Rice, died 1861, who moved to the Lone Jack — Blue Springs area of Jackson Co., Mo. from Claiborne Co., Tenn. They had 14 children, born Tenn., of whom sons Calvin and Jonathan R. Powell came to Cass Co. 1847 settling E. of

West Union, son, Joab Powell, became a prominent Baptist preacher who eventually moved to Ore., daughter Roseann Powell married R. E. Laffoon of Cleveland, Mo. Jonathan Powell was son of Joseph Powell, died 1830 Jackson Co., Mo., Revolutionary soldier, and his third wife Hannah Janson by whom he had 9 children. The Jackson Co., Mo. farm where he settled early and is buried is now the site of the McCune Home for Boys. Joseph Powell was son of John and Nancy (Todd) Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Powell.

Rodney Todd Powell was a barber in Gardner, Kans. then became a building contractor and stone mason. After living in Gardner, then on a farm S. of Gardner, he moved his family to Grandview, Jackson Co., Mo. 1917 then 1935 to SW of Belton, Cass Co., Mo. In 1943 they moved to a farm 1½ miles W. of Peculiar, Mo., later into Belton and finally to a farm 4½ miles S. of Belton. He and his wife had 5 children: Robert Vincent, William Voran, Mary Velma, Marie Velda and Delvena Vera.

Robert Vincent Powell married Kathryn June Alderson of Belton. He graduated 1933 from Grandview High School, served in the Pacific with the Army Air Corps during World War II, is in the plumbing business. They have 2 sons, Robert William of Morristown, N.J., a chemical engineer with Exxon Corp., married Pamela Ruth Bowser, and Don Alan of St. Louis, Mo., a graduate student of Washington Univ. studying to be a clinical psychologist.

William Voran Powell married Margaret Ernestine Hockaday of Belton. He graduated 1934 from Grandview High School, went to Hawaii after Pearl Harbor as a carpenter, later joined the SeaBees and transferred to general service in the Navy serving in the Pacific during World War II, is now a building contractor, has served 3 terms as Mayor of Belton and 4 terms on the Board of Aldermen. They have one son Dr. William Kent Powell a dentist with the Air Force stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla., who married Sharon Louise Calvin and has son Trevor William.

Mary Velma Powell married Leslie Herman Tabor of Belton. She graduated 1937 from Grandview High School. They have 4 children: Mary Ann Tabor married Howard Wayne Shoemake, lives Security, Colo., has children Brenda Kay, Eric Wayne and Melissa Ann; Mickey Aileen Tabor of Grandview, Mo., teaches at Hazel Dobbs School, Hickman Mills, Mo.; Margo Gayle Tabor married Donald Ray Beal, lives Belton, has children Valerie Rene and Christopher Jason; Mark Powell Tabor married Evelyn Marie Bullock, lives Belton, has children Joan Marie and Carol Vanessa.

Marie Velda Powell married James William Spencer, lives Independence, Mo. She graduated 1939 from Grandview High School. She has stepchildren Mrs. Sharon Lee Smith of Independence and James Eugene Spencer of White Rock, New Mex.

Delvena Vera (Jackie) Powell married James Karl Sears of Belton, a greatgrandson of James Shumaker Sears, an early settler of West Union, Mo. She graduated 1946 from Belton High School. They have 2 children, Jane Elizabeth, a part time student at Longview Community College and employed by Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, and James Scott, a sophomore at Belton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. William I. Powell.

WILLIAM I. POWELL

W. I. Powell (deceased 4-23-44) married Elizabeth Phillips (deceased 7-17-52) on December 11, 1889, and lived most of their married life in and near Peculiar. He was a farmer. They had three children, Pearle, Iona and Glenn.

Pearle was born September 27, 1890. She married James W. Suddarth (deceased 1-5-53), September 1, 1909. They had two children, Lila Pearl and J. W., Jr. Lila Pearl (deceased 1-16-65) was born October 5, 1915, married Ray Bourland. They had two children, Shirley Jean and Gerald Wayne. Shirley Jean married Jack Hutson and they have two children, Shannon and Shawna. Gerald Wayne married Charlene Gentile. They have two daughters, Lori and Tracy. J. W., Jr. was born July 10, 1918. He married Dorothy Burgoon. They have one daughter, Vicki. Vicki married Jim Tanner. They have three children, Ricky, Terry and Lisa.

Iona was born April 7, 1892. She married William S. Callaway, Jr. (deceased 3-4-69), December 25, 1913. They had two children, Dean W. (deceased 6-26-31) and Maxine E. Dean W. was born February 24, 1922. Maxine was born February 18, 1924, and married Ray Nelson, April 4, 1957.

Glenn was born March 12, 1907 and married Lillian Wood, May 2, 1926. She died March, 1931. He married Veneta Lott in 1932 and had one daughter, Sonya. He married Mildred Smith Ward in 1946. She had one son, Phil Ward, whom he adopted. Phil was married in 1956 to Donna. They have one son, Gregg. Glenn was in the Postal Service in Kansas City until 1949, when they moved to the farm south of Freeman, Mo., where he was a rural route carrier out of Cleveland until his death March 7, 1967.

J. C. POLSON

John Cleveland Polson, son of James Norwood and Mary Henrietta Polson was born September 3, 1887 at Southwest City, Missouri. His parents died when he was young and he was raised in the home of his sister, Mrs. Alma Braithwaite. After completing his education he went to Afton, Oklahoma, and there met Evelyn P. Painter (born 1890), daughter of Matthew Alex and Laverna (Graham) Painter. They were married September 1, 1910 and three children were born to them, Nadine (born 1911), Max (born 1913) and John Cleveland, Jr. (born 1917).

Matthew Painter and his wife were pioneer residents of Afton and Mr. Painter started a bank there, which has one of his grandsons as president now. Mr. Painter was also interested in hay and grain business and his new son-in-law joined him in a wholesale hay company, which they continued until 1925 when Cleve Polson and his brother H. D. formed a partnership and purchased the Hill Dry Goods Store on the south side of the square in Harrisonville, and also opened a similar store in Osawatomie, Kansas. A few years later Cleve Polson became sole owner of the Harrisonville business and H. D. took over the Osawatomie business. All three of the children worked at the store and Max became a partner after completing his education and service in World War II.

Cleve Polson was a member of the Kiwanis Club 30 years and served as its president. He helped start the Civic Association and was its first president, and served several years on the board of the Harrisonville Horse Show Association. He was a long time faithful member of the Methodist Church and was a member of the official board at the time of his death December 18, 1958.

Mrs. Polson is now a resident of John Knox Village, Lee's Summit, Missouri. She is well known for her love of antiques and gardening, having been a member of a local gardening club.

Max Polson married Albert May Ferris and they had one son, Ronald Max. Max died in 1961.

John C. Polson, Jr. married Jane Adams, daughter of R. S. and Marie Adams of Freeman, Missouri. They have three sons, Stephen Richard, Christopher Charles and Timothy Max. John, Jr. was graduated from the University of Illinois and has been associated with Phillips Petroleum Co. for some time. He and Jane are presently in Sandnes, Norway, where he is an industrial engineer for that firm.

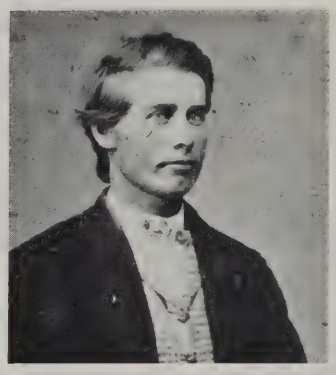
Nadine is retired from a business career and makes her home in Harrisonville.

RUSSIA HENRY (DUDLEY) PRATER

May I tell you about a remarkable lady, Russia Henry Prater, who at her death in 1954 had eighty-three living descendants. Many of her descendants still reside in Cass County.

Russia was able to trace her lineage nine generations in this country. She was born in Fleming County Kentucky Oct. 9, 1846, the daughter of Henry Bruce Dudley and Elizabeth America Moore. Her early life was affected by the death of her father in Jalapa, Mexico (1847) where he had gone with Captain Cox as a volunteer in the Mexican War. Her mother, Elizabeth America, died at an early age, Jan. 1, 1859 leaving Russia in the care of her maternal grandparents, John H. and Suzan Cord Moore. Tragedy struck again when her grandfather died after spending some time in a northern prison during the Civil War.

Russia taught one year in an elementary school in Flemingsburg, Ky. at the age of seventeen. It was while she was teaching that a young soldier returning from the southern army saw her and said to himself, "I'm going to marry that little widow." Grandmother was wearing mourning for her grandfather. The soldier was William Wallace Prater, who, in 1864, became her husband. In about 1866 they migrated to Cass County living about one mile east of Pleasant Hill. He died in 1888 leaving her with a family to raise.



Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Prater.

She often told us of her ancestry, but we thought little of it until my sister Blanche Goodman Jarvis and myself decided to visit our ancestral past. What a surprise we were to have. We visited Pleasant Hill to get as many facts as possible. My aunts, Blanche Vaughn and Pearl Robertson, my uncles, Wallace and Virgil Walker and my paternal cousin, Etta Mae Hon, were able to give us many clues.

First we visited the Flemingsburg, Ky. courthouse. There we found records of our ancestor, Joseph Dudley, the father of Henry Bruce Dudley. Joseph was born July 8, 1797 in Fleming Co., Ky. He married Harriet Hackley Bruce Feb. 6, 1826. He died Apr. 1, 1864. Harriet did not die until Apr. 24, 1883 at the age of 78.

Joseph Dudley's parents were Wm. Dudley, Sr., born Feb. 10, 1756 in England, who married Elizabeth Hite Taylor in 1778. He was an American Revolutionary soldier and the D.A.R. in Flemingsburg is named in his honor. Elizabeth was born in 1762 in Old Town Hampshire Co., Va. She died in 1833. Both are buried Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

Wm. and Elizabeth left Va. just before their fifth child was born. They arrived in 1792 while Kentucky was still a wilderness. They lived within a fort and later built the sixth cabin outside the stockade.

These are our ancestors, many of their descendants live in Cass Co.: Louis Du Bois, 1626-1695, married 1655 Catherine Blanchen born 1629, Artois, France, died 1713, Kingston, N.Y., French Huguenots who arrived in this country 1660 seeking religious freedom; their daughter, Sara Du Bois, 1662-1726, married 1682 Joost Jansen Van Meteren, 1656-1706, who came with his father from Holland 1662; their daughter, Rebecca Van Meter, 1686-1755, married 1704 Cornelius Elt-

ing, 1681-1754; their daughter Sara Elting, born 1715 married 1737 Col. John Hite, 1710-1792, son of Joost and Anna Marie (Du Bois) Hite. Col. John Hite was an officer of the Va. Colonial Troops, built the first brick house, 1787, west of the Blue Ridge Mountains; their daughter Anna Marie Hite, 1728-1833, married 1758 Simon Taylor, 1728-1786, lived near Romney, W. Va.; their daughter, Elizabeth Hite Taylor married William Dudley Sr.; their son Joseph Dudley married Harriet Hackley Bruce; their son Henry Bruce Dudley married Elizabeth America Moore; their daughter Russia Henry Dudley married 1864 William Wallace Prater, both buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Seven of their eleven children survived Wallace and six survived Russia; their daughter Mary Josephine Prater, 1872-1954, married 1889 Charles Jasper Walker whose ancestry can be traced to Quakers in New Kent Co., Va. in the late 17th century and on back to Scotland as early as 1296; their daughter Rida Jane Walker born 1894 married 1912, Cass Co., Mo., Lewis Goodman, now live in Kilgore, Tex.; their daughter Coleman Josephine Goodman born 1913, Cass Co., married 1932 Conrad B. Akin, 1905-1964, lives Houston, Tex.

ARTHUR SHERMAN PRETTYMAN

Arthur Sherman Prettyman (3/20/1882 - 2/22/1958), son of Thomas Franklin and Josephine Cummings Prettyman, was born in what was called the Prettyman Spur neighborhood between Harrisonville and Freeman, Cass Co., Mo. After his early schooling he attended Business College and as a young man traveled and worked in Kansas and Washington. He married Heatha Hill Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown, Jr. They spent their married life on a farm near the Brown home NW of Harrisonville. Mrs. Prettyman was well known for her clever wit and ability as a cook. Mr. Prettyman was township trustee and Democratic committeeman for Peculiar Twp. for many years. He liked quail hunting but his greatest love in recreation was fox hunting. He and his friends spent many evenings around a camp fire listening to the "music" of the hounds' voices as they ran. He bought and sold these dogs all over the U.S. They had one son, Tom Brown Prettyman.

Tom Brown Prettyman was born Dec. 6, 1911, married June 2, 1934 Clara Belle Bybee. He has spent his entire life farming in the vicinity of his birth and enjoys all forms of hunting and fishing. For many years he was township trustee for Peculiar Twp. and has served since 1958 as Democratic committeeman for the Twp., serving one term as County Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. He enjoys working with the Masonic Orders and is a member of Ararat Shrine. He served several years as District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the 34th District. He and his wife have 3 children, Josephine Carol, Samuel Arthur and Robert Brown Prettyman.

Josephine Carol Prettyman, born Oct. 28, 1938, married Gary R. Hipple. She is a registered nurse, a graduate of the University of Mo. with a B.S. degree in nursing, and for the past several years has been Supervisor of Obstetrics in the Cass Co. Memorial Hospital, Harrisonville. She is a Past Matron, Order of the Eastern Star. They have 2 children, Teresa Ann Bilderback and Thomas Richard Hipple.

Samuel Arthur Prettyman, born Mar. 27, 1940, married first Janet Bailey by whom he has one son, Samuel Arthur Prettyman, Jr.; married second Nov. 13, 1970 Mary Ellen David Wimsatt and has two step-children, Loren and Lorie Wimsatt. He works for the United Telephone Co. and is very active with the Volunteer Fire Dept. of Harrisonville.

Robert Brown Prettyman, born Oct. 9, 1946, is a graduate of Central Mo. University with a degree in Agri-Business. After high school he spent 3 years in the Navy serving aboard the aircraft carrier "Ranger" during the Viet Nam war. He farms his parents' farm, the farm of his greataunt, Agnes Brown Hamilton, and other land in the area. He married Nov. 12, 1967 Janice Marie Helmick and has daughter, Kathy Kay Prettyman.

THOMAS F. PRETTYMAN

Thomas F. Prettyman, born December 9, 1853, died May 18, 1917, son of Matthew Prettyman and Mary Ann Majors Prettyman. Matthew was born July 28, 1829, and died July 15, 1896; Mary Ann was born March 14, 1833, and died August 12, 1919. They had three sons, one of whom was Thomas F. Prettyman.

Thomas F. was married on July 17, 1875, to Josephine Cumming, born June 10, 1856, died July 31, 1939. They set up housekeeping on a farm across the road from Prettyman Spur Station 4½ miles southwest of Harrisonville. They spent the rest of their lives on this farm, and Thomas F. was engaged in farming and also interested in his Masonic work. They had five children: Walter, Arthur Sherman, Stella, Opal J. and Sterling Price.

Walter was born July 25, 1879, and married Emma Dudley. After several years they moved to Renton, Washington, where they resided until their deaths. They were parents of three sons: Thomas D. of Seattle, Washington; Howard W. of Hawaii; and Allen H. of Bell Gardens, California.

Arthur Sherman was born March 20, 1882, died February 28, 1958. He married Hetha Brown and they had one son, Thomas Brown, born December 6, 1911, who married Clara Bell Bybee, and they had three children: Carol Prettyman Hipple, Samuel A. and Robert B.

Stella was born November 13, 1885, and married George Kane. They went to Seattle, Washington to live and had one daughter, Claire Louise, who married John Lougren.

Opal J. was born October 19, 1891, and married Lewis W. Greenlee. They had one daughter, Retha Lucille, who married William Landers.

Sterling Price was born May 6, 1895, and died July 12, 1959, and was married to Annie May Leimkuhler on December 30, 1925. He was engaged in farming and served a short time in World War I. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star.

JAMES R. PREWITT

The Prewitt family had its origin in both England and France. The Michael Prewitt line came from France, where the French Huguenots came to Manakintowne, Virginia in 1699 and 1700. The J. R. Prewitt family are descendants of this line.

James Robertson Prewitt was born Sept. 24, 1876 near Independence, Missouri. He was employed at a young age at Sheffield Bolt & Nut Works, Sugar Creek, Mo. On April 21, 1898 he married Mary Samantha Blake, who was born Oct. 18, 1875 in Harlan, Iowa. They lived in Independence and he continued with Sheffield.

The Prewitt family moved to Pleasant Hill, Missouri in March, 1912 to a small acreage north of town, at 1105 N. Campbell St., J. R. commuted by train weekly to Independence to his work at Sheffield, for a while. Then he opened a garage and machine shop in the old Hon Building at Lake and Cedar. In 1916 he moved his business to lower First Street in the Chas. Reader Building, which had housed the Reader Electric plant, which furnished power for the city. He later acquired an adjoining building from Guy Ball who had a laundry. Some years later he purchased some open lots from Benson Lumber Company, where he built a new building about 1947. He also acquired a two story brick building on the corner at 201 First Street and the building adjoining. In 1928 J. R. converted his business to full machine shop operation, and started manufacturing the Belsaw Sawmill for Belsaw Machinery Company of Kansas City, Missouri, which was owned by Mr. E. S. Field and his son, E. Stan Field, Jr. The belsaw was the invention of a local farmer, Mr. John Bell. The Belsaw line of equipment was expanded later to include planers, edgers, gang saws, molders, etc.

In 1938 the Prewitt family moved to their 422 N. Lake Street residence.

J. R. was on the Pleasant Hill City Council beginning in 1935, for six years, and then was elected mayor of the city for two consecutive terms. During this period the Pleasant Hill Municipal Power and Light plant was built, operating with a board of public works. A rock quarry west of town was reopened, and after completely rebuilding the rock crusher, it furnished rock for twenty-seven miles of roads around town and north of town to the county line. During his years as mayor the city lake was built, after many difficulties and delays. And on August 31, 1947 the city had water service from the new lake. This was completed during his last year as mayor.

On Jan. 1, 1946, J. R. incorporated his business as J. R. Prewitt & Sons, Inc. As a family owned corporation, all seven sons: Harry, Jim, Byron, Sidney, Marion, Bert and Ralph were active in the business, also Hugh Wakeman, the grandson they had raised, and one daughter, Mamie Snow, several sons-in-law, several grandsons and granddaughters. J. R.'s brother, Theo. H. Prewitt worked there about sixteen years, until his death in 1961.

In addition to the belsaw line of machinery, other machinery items were designed and manufactured: small garden tractors, concrete mixers, wagon unloaders, post-hole diggers, boat anchors, foundry castings, and extensive machine work. The Prewitts designed the horizontal earth auger, which bores horizontally under streets, highways, roadways, railways, etc., without disturbing the roadbed or flow of traffic. By 1949-1950 it had become a large volume item.

J. R. Prewitt died at his home on November 5, 1951. Mary S. Prewitt died at St. Luke's Hospital, K. C., Mo. on July 29, 1958.

The plant continued under Prewitt management until 1972, when J. R. Prewitt & Sons, Inc. was sold to Verle Rice and Harvey C. Brown, who now operate it.

J. R. PREWITT

James Robertson Prewitt, son of James Moss Prewitt and Susan Abigail Nave Prewitt, was born near Independence, Missouri, on Sept. 24, 1876. He married Mary Samantha Blake in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 21, 1898. Mary was born in Harlan, Iowa, on Oct. 18, 1875, daughter of Samuel L. and Mary Etta (Elkins) Blake.

James R. and Mary were parents of fourteen children, the first nine being born in Independence and the last five in Pleasant Hill: Harry Othello Prewitt, born May 21, 1899; Lucille Adrienne Prewitt, born Sept. 21, 1900; James Edgar Prewitt, born Jan. 19, 1902; Byron Blake Prewitt, born March 23, 1903; Mildred Hazel Prewitt, born Oct. 24, 1904; Sidney Anderson Prewitt, born Feb. 15, 1906; Marion Gaylord Prewitt, born Dec. 27, 1907; Mamie Dunne Prewitt, born May 14, 1909; Mary Etta Prewitt, born Aug. 28, 1910; Bert Garnett Prewitt, born April 19, 1912; Ada Lola Prewitt, born June 28, 1913; Ralph Reuben Prewitt, born Jan. 20, 1915; Dorothy Lee Prewitt, born Feb. 5, 1917; and Jessie Evelyn Prewitt, born Sept. 8, 1919.

Harry Othello Prewitt, married Anna Mabel Huffman in Independence on April 22, 1918. Mabel was born Dec. 25, 1901, in Tarsney, Missouri, daughter of Jacob and Olive (Pritchett) Huffman. Harry and Mabel had four children born in Pleasant Hill, Missouri: Mabel Irene, born Jan. 3, 1920; James Harry, born June 13, 1921; Carl Allen, born July 9, 1923; and Minnie Marie Prewitt, born Nov. 4, 1926. Harry died in Harrisonville Aug. 15, 1969, and was buried in Pleasant Hill.

Lucille Adriene Prewitt, married Owen Hugh Wakeman in Lee's Summit, Missouri, Oct. 11, 1920. Owen was born in Jackson County in 1898, a son of Seymour and Jane (Jones) Wakeman, originally from Wales. Owen and Lucille had one son, Owen Hugh, Jr., born in Lee's Summit Nov. 13, 1921. Lucille died in Lee's Summit April 22, 1923. Owen died in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1965. Owen Hugh, Jr. was raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Prewitt. He married first Anna Lorene Goodall June 12, 1941. Anna was a daughter of

Charles Goodall. Hugh and Lorene had two children born in Kansas City, Missouri: Anna Lucille Wakeman, born Aug. 9, 1943; and Larry Owen Wakeman, born May 14, 1946. He married second Myrna Allen in 1953 and did not have children. Myrna was born in Holden, Missouri, and died in Pleasant Hill in 1968. He married third Helen (Hedgepath) Young in California in 1967 and did not have children. Helen was born in Johnson County, Missouri.

James Edgar Prewitt, married Elizabeth M. Mikkelsen in Kansas City, Missouri, July 30, 1925. Elizabeth was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, Aug. 29, 1906, daughter of William P. and Jennie (Nichols) Mikkelsen. James and Elizabeth had seven children born in Pleasant Hill: Norma Jean, born July 29, 1926, died Nov., 1926; James Norman, born April 19, 1929; Lois Bernice, born Oct. 29, 1929; Ramona Ruth, born Feb. 2, 1933; Mary Elizabeth, born June 16, 1935; Nancy Janet, born Feb. 27, 1940; and Rita Kathleen, born May 19, 1943. James died in Pleasant Hill Aug. 6, 1970, and was buried there.

Byron Blake Prewitt, married Virginia Lee Lowry in 1938. Virginia was born March 1, 1916, daughter of Forrest M. and Pearl (Grier) Lowry. Byron and Virginia had two sons born in Pleasant Hill: Byron Lee, born July 8, 1939, and Bobby Gene, born Dec. 23, 1943. Virginia died in Kansas City Sept. 5, 1970, and was buried at Pleasant Hill.

Mildred Hazel Prewitt, married James Herbert Wright June 8, 1923. Herbert was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, May 22, 1886, son of James and Melissa (O'Guinn) Wright. Herbert died in 1975 in Selah, Washington. Herbert and Mildred were parents of eleven children: Jerry Richard Wright, born April 25, 1924, in Alhambra, California; Harry Dale Wright, born Oct. 22, 1925, in Selah, Washington; Lloyd Marion Wright, born Feb. 28, 1927, in Pleasant Hill; Frances Jean Wright, born Dec. 25, 1928, in Selah, Washington; Mildred Hazel Wright, born April 30, 1931, in Selah, Washington; Robert Herbert Wright, born Jan. 7, 1934, in Selah, Washington; Barbara Celeste Wright, born March 4, 1936, in Selah, Washington; Ralph Leonard Wright, born June 4, 1938, in Selah, Washington; Mary Helen Wright, born June 7, 1943, in Yakima, Washington; Judith Rae Wright, born Nov. 1, 1946, in Sunnyside, Washington; and Roy Michael Wright, born July 26, 1949, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, died Jan. 2, 1953.

RALPH R. PREWITT

Ralph Reuben Prewitt (see J. R. Prewitt sketch) married Marieta Timberlake in Adrian, Missouri, Aug. 3, 1941. Marieta was born in Lebanon, Kansas, Sept. 2, 1922, daughter of John J. and Addie M. (Staggers) Timberlake. Ralph and Marieta had two children: Glenda Kay, born July 29, 1942, in Pleasant Hill; and Ronald Ray, born June 15, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri. They reside in Pleasant Hill.

Dorothy Lee Prewitt, married Earl Thos. Hunt in Smithville, Missouri, July 7, 1938. Earl was born in Sni Mills, Missouri, Nov. 7, 1912, son of Noah O. and Maud E. (Bynum) Hunt. Earl and Dorothy had three children: Beverly Joan Hunt, born Feb. 17, 1939, in Pleasant Hill; Earl Thomas Hunt, Jr., born March 17, 1946, in Kansas City; and John Roger Hunt, born Sept. 14, 1954, in Kansas City. They reside in Pleasant Hill.

Jessie Evelyn Prewitt, married first George Bowler Hoke in Jackson County, Missouri, Feb. 25, 1939. George was born in Harrisonville Jan. 9, 1915, a son of Everett and Anna (Hayes) Hoke. George and Jessie were the parents of three children: George Leon Hoke, born April 4, 1940, Pleasant Hill; Gary Kent Hoke, born May 8, 1942, Pleasant Hill; and Alice Tracy Hoke, born Feb. 2, 1946, Kansas City. Jessie married second Joel H. Braun in Pleasant Hill Aug. 1, 1947. Joel was born in Henry County, Missouri, March 31, 1920, son of George A. and Charlotte A. (Dunning) Braun. Joel and Jessie had one son, Joel Clayton Braun, born Jan. 13, 1952, in Harrisonville. Jessie married third Charles J. Smurthwaite in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1965. Charles was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. Jessie married fourth Paul Walker, born Nov. 1973, and they reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Family of James R. and Mary Prewitt.

SIDNEY A. PREWITT

Sidney Anderson Prewitt (see J. R. Prewitt sketch) married first Lillian (Potter) Beckett in Independence Sept. 15, 1930. Lillian was born in Holden, Missouri, March 17, 1895, daughter of George F. and Latishie (Hastings) Potter. Sidney and Lillian adopted a son, James Francis Prewitt, born April 28, 1936, Jefferson City, Missouri. Lillian died in Stockton, California, Sept. 6, 1966, and was buried in Kansas City, Missouri. Sidney married second Bonnie Jean Rudloff in Carson City, Nevada, May 9, 1967. Bonnie died Jan. 6, 1973. Sidney married third Christine (Cobb) Plemmons June 1, 1974. They reside in Riverbank, California.

Marion Gaylord Prewitt married first Eunice Inskeep in Pleasant Hill in 1927. Eunice was born in 1911, daughter of George Inskeep. Marion and Eunice had two daughters born in Pleasant Hill: Lela Lorraine, born Feb. 8, 1928, and Loma Ione "Billie", born April 25, 1929. Marion married second Kathryn Lodine (Campbell) Dorris May 25, 1940. Lodine was born July 21, 1912, daughter of James and Nancy (Idol) Campbell. Marion and Lodine had three daughters: Kathryn Gayle, born Feb. 27, 1949; Mary Susan, born June 21, 1951, Harrisonville; and Nancy Carol, born Oct. 11, 1953. They reside in Pleasant Hill.

Mamie Dunne Prewitt, married Edgar Lawrence Snow in Lee's Summit on May 5, 1935. Edgar "Ted" was born in Henry County March 11, 1895, son of Leo and Martha Jane (Williams) Snow. They resided on farms near Pleasant Hill. Ted died May 26, 1971, and buried in Pleasant Hill.

Mary Etta Prewitt married first Marvin Jefferson Harvey June 27, 1930. Marvin was born in Bates County, Missouri, May 26, 1906, son of Everett F. and Bessie (Wise) Harvey. Marvin and Mary Etta had three daughters born in Harrisonville: Barbara Kay Harvey, born June 13, 1933; Mary Ann Harvey, born Dec. 23, 1936; and Marcie Jane Harvey, born Dec. 21, 1942. Marvin died in Kansas City Nov. 9, 1956, and was buried in Harrisonville. Mary Etta married second Lawrence A. Bockenstette, who was born in Kansas April 7, 1895, son of Frank and Mary (Wempe) Bockenstette. They lived south of Pleasant Hill.

Bert Garnett Prewitt, married LaVergne Marie (Bachle) Smith in Harrisonville Feb. 8, 1934. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 11, 1916, daughter of Edwin L. and Mabel K. (Taylor) Bachle. Bert and LaVergne had two children born in Pleasant Hill: Russell Lee, born Aug. 15, 1936; and Sharon Lou, born Jan. 22, 1941. They reside in Pleasant Hill.

Ada Lola Prewitt, married first Edwin F. Bachle in Pleasant Hill April 24, 1934. Edwin was born in St. Louis in 1912, son of Edwin L. and Mabel K. (Taylor) Bachle. Edwin was a brother of LaVergne Marie, who married Bert Prewitt. Edwin and Ada had one son, Carl Lowell Bachle, born Feb. 7, 1935, in Pleasant Hill. Ada married second Gordon C. Gower in Olathe, Kansas, Dec. 8, 1946. Gordon was born in Randolph, Missouri, Aug. 16, 1917, son of Y. F. and Helen (Thompson) Gower. Gordon and Ada had one son, Gordon Frank, born Oct. 24, 1950 in Harrisonville. They reside in Pleasant Hill.

CLARENCE B. PRICE

Fairview Farm has been the home of the Clarence Brooke Price family since January of 1877. Clarence Brooke Price, better known as C. B., is the great grandson of Silas and Mary Ellen Brooke Price, pioneers of this community. He is the youngest son of C. Brooke and Nanna Asbury Price. C. Brooke's parents were Clarence Brooke and Albina Diana Stephens Price, who were married in Freeman, Missouri on October 23, 1873. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1923, and were married 59 years when he died in 1932. She passed away in 1934.

C. Brooke and Nanna Beatrice had four children. One died in infancy. Charline Brooke Price, the oldest, married Hurley Lewnman, later was divorced and married Harry R. Wilson in 1943. James William Price married Lucille Luerhrman of Lexington, Missouri, in September, 1949. Clarence Brooke Price, born October 16, 1924, married Onalee Sheaffer Price (Connie) in 1949 (August). Connie was born May 9, 1925, at Larned, Kansas and later moved to Rogers, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Elmer Ross and Mae Elizabeth McAllister Sheaffer. Her father, Elmer, was born in Ness City, Kansas and her mother, Mae, in Reger, Missouri. Mr. Sheaffer passed away in 1959 and Mae lived with Connie and C. B. from that time until her death in March of 1976.

Connie is a registered nurse, graduating from the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas in 1946. She worked at the Harrisonville hospital for many years and was the first school nurse in the Harrisonville school system, a position she still holds.

C. B. graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1942. He attended Missouri Valley College for a short time but was inducted in the service for World War II and served in the 101st Airborne Infantry Division in Europe. After the war he attended the University of Missouri and graduated in 1949 with a B.S. in Agriculture.

The children of Clarence B. and Onalee, are Joseph Brooke, born December 31, 1954 and Gregory Ross, born June 11, 1958. They were born in Harrisonville, in the Harrisonville Hospital.

Joe was in the last class to have eighth grade graduation in Harrisonville (1969). He graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1973 and is now a Junior in the University of Missouri school of agriculture. In high school, Joe was very active in sports. At one time, he held the pole vault record and lettered in football and wrestling, as well as track. He was active in Cub and Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout in the Spring of 1971. He also played a bugle in the Scout Drum and Bugle Corp.

Gregory is a senior in Harrisonville High and will graduate in 1976. He is enrolled in the University of Missouri School of Engineering for the fall of 1976. He also was active in Cub and Boy Scouts and the Drum and Bugle Corps. He was awarded his Eagle in the fall of 1972. In high school, he lettered in football and was one of a very few to take every math and science course offered.

C. B. and Connie are active in scouting, VFW, American Legion, and other organizations in Harrisonville. C. B. is presently Scout Master for Troop 240. The whole family are members of the United Methodist Church of Harrisonville. Also, Mary Price, youngest child of Clarence and Bina, was sunday school secretary for this church for fifty years. She is now a resident of Pleasant View Rest Home and is 87 years old.

According to C. Brooke Price, a wagon train passing through the farm was struck with diphtheria. Approximately 25 to 30 persons died and were buried in a mass grave in the south pasture of the farm. A lone grave marker is still there for Mary Brooks and several unmarked stones for these people.

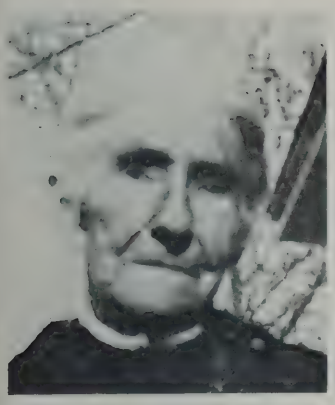
Fair View Farm still has an abundance of redbud, walnut, hickory and many other trees. Dutchman Breeches, Jack-in-the-pulpit, violets, columbine, gooseberries, blackberries and grapes are a few of the wild flowers and shrubs still growing there. Deer again roam the woods and fields as they did many years ago.

SILAS PRICE

Silas Price, born May 30, 1814, came to Cass County, Missouri in 1843 from near Springfield, Hampshire Co., West Virginia. He bought a farm of 440 acres west of Harrisonville, Mo., of which 300 acres have never been cultivated. He built a log house, hewing logs from the great timbers of that farm.

Silas returned to West Virginia the following year and married Mary Ellen Brooke, born Nov. 15, 1825. She was the daughter of Dr. Thomas B. Brooke and Nancy Ann Taylor Brooke. He returned to Cass Co., bringing his wife in 1845 to start their life together and raise their family. He went into the mercantile business with a Mr. Killer, forming one of the first businesses in Harrisonville.

They gradually built a lovely old colonial home of eight large rooms, a parlor, sitting room and keeping room, with a bedroom above the keeping room. The front entrance led into



Mary Ellen Brooks Price, wife of Silas.

a large hallway with a big walnut staircase leading upstairs to another as large hallway with doors leading into the bedrooms. Each room had a fire-place. A back porch ran around the back of the house. A large room with a great fire-place and a loft was attached to the back part of the house. This was built for servants (slaves). This old Colonial Home was destroyed by fire in the 1950's.

Silas died Sept. 15, 1858 leaving Mary Ellen and their six children to suffer the horrors of the Civil War and all the hardships that went with life that day and age.

The names of the children born to Silas and Mary Ellen Price were: John Marshal, born Dec. 6, 1846; Clarence Brooke Price, born April 23, 1849; Ann Elizabeth Price, died at birth; Alice Evaline Price, born Jan. 30, 1851; Austin S. Price and Peyton E. Price were twins, born Feb. 12, 1855 and William Thomas, born June 12, 1857.

This family survived the war years and Mary Ellen Brooke Price married John Nelson Willett, Oct. 21, 1866. To this union was born one son, John Vernon Willett. They all lived on the old Price Homestead and gradually the children left — some to be married and others to find homes of their own.

Clarence Brooke Price married Albina Deanna Stephens, Oct. 23, 1873. To them were born Clarence Brooke Price, Jr., Nita A. Price, John Emmett Price, William Edmund Price and Mary Elizabeth Price. They located about 2 miles north of the old Price homestead and raised their family there until Clarence Brooke, Sr. became Recorder of Cass County. Then they moved to Harrisonville, leaving Clarence Brooke Price, Jr. to continue his life on the farm.

John Marshal Price built a cabin for himself on Clarence Brooke Price's farm. He lived there until his death June 6, 1920. Austin Price died May 10, 1873 and Peyton remained on the farm to manage it until his death in 1941. Alice Evaline married Ludwig Kunze, a fine jeweler and watchmaker, Oct. 21, 1869. They had three children — Leota Kunze, Opal Kunze and Ludwig Oswald Kunze, Jr. William T. Price went to live with Alice and Ludwig Kunze at age of 12 years and learned the watchmaking and jewelry trade. John Nelson Willett died, March 28, 1916. Mary Ellen Price Willett died Jan. 16, 1919.

WILLIAM THOMAS PRICE

William Thomas Price, son of Silas and Mary Ellen Brooke Price, was born June 12, 1857 on the Price Homestead about 2½ miles west of Harrisonville, Mo.

Silas died in 1858 leaving Mary Ellen with their children to suffer the hardships of the Civil War. At the age 12, William went to live with his sister, Alice Evaline, who had married Ludwig Oswald Kunze, a fine jeweler and watchmaker in Harrisonville. William was an apt student under Mr. Kunze and he also became a fine jeweler and watchmaker. He attended public school in town.

William Thomas Price married Margaret Ellen Urton, eldest daughter of Zacharia Taylor Urton and Virginia Ann Urton. Margaret Ellen was born July 19, 1870 in Capon Bridge, West Virginia. In her early childhood her parents moved from West Virginia, and located on the farm South of Peculiar in Cass Co. She attended the country school, and girls' finishing school in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Price.

William and Margaret were married in the Harrisonville Methodist Church by Rev. A. H. Barns, Aug. 28, 1895. They were faithful members, she playing the organ and he a Deacon. They were members of the Eastern Star, he a charter member and a Mason in good standing until death. They bought a home on West Wall and lived there until their death. They had four daughters, Mary Virginia Price, July 26, 1896, Alice Urton Price, Jan. 24, 1899, Margaret Ellen Price, Sept. 27, 1901 — died Dec. 2, 1903 and Carol Brooke Price, born Feb. 7, 1905.

William T. Price bought the Harrisonville Bank building on the south side of the square. He had a lovely jewelry store there and was assisted in every way by his wife, Margaret. He was a good citizen, successful and a good man — one of Cass Co.'s earliest pioneers.

The eldest daughter, Mary Virginia Price, married Orion J. L. Brookhart, son of John and Anna Jackson Brookhart, June 30, 1918 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Price. To this union was born a daughter, Virginia Lee Brookhart, Jan. 31, 1923 in Harrisonville, Mo. Orion was appointed Post Master of Harrisonville in 1940. He held that office until his death Sept. 3, 1953.

Virginia Lee married Joe Charles East, born June 20, 1923, son of M. G. and Jerena East of Rolla, Mo., June 6, 1947. To them was born a daughter, Nancy Virginia, May 4, 1949 in Mansfield, Mo. Joe died May 23, 1953. Aug. 12, 1957, Virginia Lee married Robert Dale King, son of Laura and Clyde King of East Lynne, born March 28, 1924. They, with Nancy, lived on the King Farms near East Lynne, Mo. Nancy married Paul E. Gregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gregg of Harrisonville, at the East Lynne Methodist church, July 12, 1969. They are living near Warrensburg, Mo.

Alice Urton Price married Ashton Voyle Renwick, born Sept. 29, 1897, son of John G. and Anna Pauli Renwick, Sept. 19, 1919 in Harrisonville Methodist Church parsonage by the Rev. Hargus. To them were born three children — Ashton Price Renwick, born June 13, 1920, Margaret Ann Renwick, born Nov. 17, 1925 and Stanley J. Renwick, born Jan. 13, 1935. All were born in Harrisonville, Mo. Ashton Vole was in the Insurance business. He was with the Boston Ins. Co. as State Agent for Missouri and Kansas until his death June 24, 1945.

Ashton Price married Mary Elizabeth Arnold, daughter of Catherine Harriett Arnold of Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 3, 1948 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Mo. To this union were born, Michael Eugene Renwick, Apr. 17, 1953, Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 12, 1956 and Judith Ellen, born, Oct. 30, 1958. All these were born in California. They live in Covina, California. Ashton is a Chemical Engineer. His work is with the Government and it is classified.

Margaret Ann Renwick married Richard Blaine Howell, son of R. C. and Patricia Howell of Alliance, Ohio, June 4, 1948, in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. V. Renwick of Kansas City, Mo. To them were born four children, Richard Blaine Howell, Jr., Oct. 11, 1949, Janice Ann Howell, Aug. 31, 1951, Michael Lewis Howell, born Aug. 5, 1955 and William Thomas Howell, born Aug. 8, 1964. They were all born in Bethlehem, Penn. excepting William Thomas, who was born in Kirkwood, Mo. Richard is with Bethlehem Steel Co. and they live in Overland Park, Kansas.

Stanley J. Renwick married, Oct. 6, 1951 Dorothy Lee Bramletti, born Oct. 26, 1933, daughter of William and Florence Bramletti of Kansas City, Mo. To this union were born, Monica Lee Renwick, Feb. 20, 1953 and Randy Truman Renwick born May 7, 1961. Stanley is working in Air-Conditioning and Heating. They live in Prairie Village.

Carol Brooke Price married Glenn Price, son of Oscar and Martha Price, June 9, 1923. They had one son, Billy Glenn Price, born April 8, 1924. Carol died Nov. 24, 1925 and Billy lived with Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Price, until he attended college at Manhattan, Kansas.

Billy married Mary Louise Johnson, daughter of Helene and Grant Johnson of Aurora, Ill. To them were born Lawrence William, Aug. 10, 1951, Linda Carol Oct. 12, 1954 and Rebecca Louise Apr. 5, 1958. Billy is a very successful Chemical Engineer with Celanese Corporation, receiving his Doctorate at Princeton, New Jersey. They are now living in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. Myers.

These teams belonged to Frank Roth in 1918. In the picture: Emma Roth, Harold, Frank and Mose Plank; Celesta and Ora Gerber.

Oliver Plank's children in 1976. All but three live in Cass County.

The Pearce Family in 1914 in Pleasant Hill.

Winter scene on the John V. Riffle Farm south of Pleasant Hill in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. VanMeter and Robert Douglas.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Whitfield and daughters. Mrs. Whitfield was Equella Peterson.

The B. F. Fowler farm near Harrisonville around 1897.

Amanda Hall Laffoon and children on her 90th birthday, Sept. 1959.

CORNELIUS QUICK

Elizabeth and Clara Little, wives of George B. and Clarence Ruckel, were the daughters of Harriet Quick Little, whose parents were Cornelius and Dosha Page Quick, an early Cass County family. Harriet (Quick) Little (1853-1925) was born in Cass County southeast of the former site of the Dover rural school. The nearest town being Grant and farther south was Wadesburg. Only cemeteries now remain where these towns were. Even though there were no schools during her early life, due to the Civil War, her father's instruction formed a foundation for her later interest in education. She attended school at every opportunity, including one term taught by her future husband, John Little, Baird, Ohio. Harriet Quick was enrolled in the first term of the old Warrensburg Normal in 1871. She taught several terms of school before her marriage in 1873. All five daughters of John and Harriet Quick received most of their education at the Warrensburg Normal. Four of them taught school and the other taught music.

Harriet Quick Little kept a diary for many years. The following are notes selected from records kept by her and her descendants which concern her family during the Civil War while living in Cass County. "In 1860, the first cook stove was bought. Hitherto, cooking had been done in the fire place and food baked in a skillet. During the spring of 1861, most schools ceased, but children who did go to school played a popular game, 'Secession and Union'. Harriet Quick's 'Union' side was in the minority. The General Store at Grant (Lotspeiches) was a communication center for the area and the place where the people congregated to discuss the war.

In 1861 and 62 little farming was done and raids on farm homes to obtain food, horses and household valuables were frequent. As Prices' Army went south for the winter, it passed one and one-fourth miles west of the Quick home. Bands left the regular lines and nearly every home was looted. From the Quick home such things as pins, needles, scissors, jewelry and food were taken. The family succeeded in keeping shoes, silver and money hidden. On one occasion Cornelius Quick was ordered by bushwhackers to go to Settles' Mill on Grand River the next day or be killed. He escaped during the dark, foggy night. When he returned home, he took his money from the hiding place, his wife sewed it into his clothing and he left for 'Wyandotte' to join the militia. The firing during the Battle of Lone Jack was plainly heard at the Quick homestead.

1863 brought Order No. 11, and the Quick family moved ¾ mile south and ¼ mile east into Henry County. Also mentioned in the diary was a big prairie fire (fall of 1863), which came from Grand River threatening their cotton crop. During the night it came from the northwest and they had to work through the night to save the crop."

JAMES RAFFURTY, SR.

James Raffurty, Sr. was born in Bath County, Kentucky, on December 24, 1823. The family moved to Davis County, Kentucky. At the age of eleven he and an older brother went to Illinois, locating near Chesterfield, Illinois, erecting a cabin on the Northwest Quarter of Section 6 in what is now Polk Township.

In the spring of 1835 the father and the rest of the family joined them. He was united in marriage with Miss Mariah Rusher July 18, 1842, and at once proceeded to improve a farm near A. H. and M. S. Elred. He enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of the Mexico War, and served with Gen. Winfield Scott on his entry into the City of Mexico. After the war he went back to farming. In 1882 the family removed to Greenwood, Jackson County, Missouri, having bought a farm at the edge of town. After 5 or 6 years he moved to a farm located in Cass County near Pleasant Hill in the Ore Community.

He was the father of nine children, five of whom, with his aged wife and one brother and one sister, survive: Joshua of Macoupin County, Illinois; James, Jr. of Pleasant Hill; John of Oklahoma; Amanda and Etta M. of the home. He belonged to the Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church and was a Jeffersonian Democrat.

Alexander Campbell Raffurty, a brother, was a Missionary Baptist Minister but we do not know the sister's name or where she lived.

Joshua of Illinois, no birth record of family; James, Jr. of Pleasant Hill, born May 21, 1857, in Illinois, married Laura Essie Randal of Palmer, Illinois, April 14, 1881, at Taylorville, Illinois. To this union were born: Ora Alexander, born April 14, 1882, and Laura Essie, born February 5, 1884. Laura E. R. Raffurty died March 10, 1884.

James, Jr. remarried Miss Henrietta Virginia Dingus, December 12, 1902, and to this union were born four children: Ellis Rueben, born October 26, 1903; Clifford Daily, born January 8, 1905; Etta Mariah, born July 29, 1906; and James Phillip, born January 19, 1908.

John Raffurty of Oklahoma, no records, only year of death 1945 or 1946.

Amanda L. married David Bricker, born July 2, 1854, died June 9, 1927, and to this union five children were born: James, John, Oscar, Grover and Lavica.

Etta Mariah, born January 30, 1866, married James P. Taylor, no children.

Ora A. Raffurty married Elizabeth Armstrong December 1, 1904, and to this union were born: Olin Allen, James Alexander, Ella Frances, Esta Elizabeth, Ora Joseph and Raymond William.

Laura Essie married Claud C. Odell January 27, 1904, and to this union were born James Joel and Thelma Mariah.

Grandchildren of James, Jr.: Ellis R. married Emmily Yadon and had two children; Evelyn and Howard R.; Clifford never married; Etta Mariah married Guy Warren and had five children; Guy James, Jr., Virginia I., Mary L., William, Phillip and Judith E.; James Phillip married Sarah Snow and had two children, James H. and Robert P.

Ora and Elizabeth Raffurty's children and grandchildren of James, Jr. are: Olin A., born January 26, 1906, married Nellie Nadine Williams and had one child Loretta Frances; James A., born December 15, 1907, married Dorothy Moore and had six children: Ruth died, Jeannie, Howard A., John D., William R. and Mary; Ella L., born January 12, 1910, married Harris Hon and had nine children: Alice, William, Robert, Eugene, Dale, Jo Ann, Donald, Marilyn and Linda, and Marian, stepdaughter; Esta E., born October 8, 1912, married

Clifford A. Karg and had seven children: Jimmie C., Carol Ann, Ronald D. and Paul R.; Ora A., born September 18, 1915, married Glada Bradley, children; Richard Orin, Glenda Sue and Donald Joseph; Raymond W., born February 2, 1919, married Melva Marie Hammontree, children; twin sons Garry Lee and Larry Allen, by second marriage, Raymond and Melissia, by third marriage, Elizabeth.

JUDGE ROBERT T. RAILEY

Born January 19, 1850 at Milligan Bend, Louisiana then moved to Woodford County, Kentucky, coming to Harrisonville in 1855.

His brother engaged in mining in Clear Creek County and set in operation the first quartz mill in Cass County.

Judge Railey attended Christian Brothers Academy in St. Louis, Mo. in 1867, 1868 and in 1869 graduated from the University of Missouri. Returning to Harrisonville he studied law in the office of R. O. Burgess. He was Attorney for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and in 1911 became head of the legal department of the Missouri Pacific in St. Louis. When he was appointed Supreme Court Judge of Jefferson City, Mo. he turned the office over to his son, T. T. Railey who was a lawyer and a graduate of University of Missouri.

On September 3, 1874, he married Martha Stuart Beattie, daughter of Dr. Thomas Beattie of Harrisonville, and had one son, Thomas Tarlton.

FRED RATHJEN

Fred and Anna Rathjen moved from Iowa in 1907 to the farm where Harry and Allenia Rathjen now live. Leola and Harry were born in Laverne, Minnesota. Elna and Ed were born in Iowa. Nora and Hilda were born at the farm south of Raymore. In 1910, they bought a farm north of Harrisonville and lived there one year. Fred was born there. In 1918, they sold the farm and moved to Davenport, Iowa then came back to the Raymore farm in 1929.

The Rathjen parents are both deceased. Leola, Mrs. Campbell, lives in Shawnee, Kansas. Ed, Elna and Hilda live in Bettendorf, Iowa. Nora, Mrs. Biester, lives in Dixon, Iowa. Fred Rathjen's family lives in Davenport, Iowa, and Harry lives on the home-place.

Allenia and Harry have three children: Donald and his wife, Juanita, own a farm north of Garden City, Missouri. They raise registered horses.

Anna Marie, Mrs. Allen Good, and husband own and live in their home at 7500 E. 100th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Gaylene, Mrs. Hans Small, and husband and son, Jon, live at 106-20 Kentucky, Sugar Creek, Missouri.

Donald and Anna Marie are graduates of the Raymore High School and Gaylene graduated after the Raymore and Peculiar schools were consolidated.

O. E. REID

Oscar Elton Reid, second son of Martha J. and John W. Reid, was born March 26, 1889 near Coleman in Raymore Township. Here he spent his boyhood years. On May 2, 1917, he was married to Mary Estella Pheasant, a school teacher, who was born and reared in Bates County near Appleton City, Missouri. They established their home on a farm east of Peculiar. They lived on an adjoining farm and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May, 1967. O. E. Reid died November, 1969.

Mr. Reid served on the local school board and on the West Peculiar Township board many years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, a member of the Lions Club and other civic organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid had four children: Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton); Harold Elton, who died at the age of two years; Charles Wayne Reid; and Dr. Robert Clay Reid.

Mary Elizabeth Reid Hamilton was graduated from Peculiar High School with the Class of 1935. She attended Warrensburg and Kirksville Teachers Colleges and Alabama State University. She taught for several years before she married Dr. Eugene H. Hamilton, a heart specialist in Joplin, Missouri. They had four children: Wayne Robert, Douglas, Reid and Mary Catherine. Dr. Hamilton died October, 1975.

Charles Wayne Reid was graduated from Peculiar High School with the Class of 1940. On May 21, 1944, he married Marjorie Jean Chaffin of Raymore. Mrs. Reid is a graduate of Warrensburg Teachers College and has been a teacher in the Raymore-Peculiar school system. They live on the former Alpheus Wills farm where the Elton Reids began housekeeping. Wayne has always been a farmer and has been associated with his father in farming and livestock operations, now being continued with his son, Charles Wayne, II. He has served on the school board, is West Peculiar Township trustee, a member of the Baptist Church, the Lions Club, past-president of the Cass County Shrine Club and president of the Cass County Livestock Association.

Wayne and Marjorie Reid have two sons, Charles Wayne, II (Chuck), and John Chaffin (Jack).

ROY G. REYNOLDS

Roy G. Reynolds (Apr. 30, 1886 - Feb. 20, 1853) son of John Yerby and Mary Catherine Groom Reynolds of Liberty, Mo., was married to Jennie Adeline (Addie) Duvall, (Nov. 19, 1881 - March 3, 1950) daughter of David W. and Jennie Dodge Barker Duvall at the home of her parents near Grand River church, Aug. 30, 1915.

Roy attended Big Shoal school, Liberty High School and was graduated from William Jewell College in 1912. He taught school and was a farmer. Addie was taught at home by her mother until the 4th grade then attended Hickory Grove grade school. She graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1900 and the University of Missouri in 1907, having taught 2 terms of school during that time. She completed 15 years of teaching.

Children of this family were: Katherine Jane (Sept. 23,

1918) married Charles A. Kenagy (July 23, 1907) son of Urvin and Maude Gross Kenagy of Garden City, May 23, 1946. Children: Charles Roy married Joyce Plank; David married Sherry Fick, child Eric; James married Roberta Nikkel; Gary married Jane Cochran; and Elizabeth Adeline (Beth). Katherine attended Prairie View, Drexel High School and was graduated from University of Kansas City in 1941. Eleanor Duvall (Sept. 3, 1921) a teacher in Cass, Kansas City and Napa, California. Attended Prairie View, Drexel High School, graduated from Southwest Baptist college and Centeral Mo. Teachers college, with graduate work at University of California. Margaret and Shirley died young.

Roy was a descendant of Joseph Harless who settled in VanBuren Co. in 1836. The Reynolds family, William and Nancy, came to Clay Co. in 1818.

Roy, Addie and daughters are buried in Freeman.

RICE-WILLIS

In the early 18th century, iron deposits were discovered in Virginia. In 1714, Peter Hitt and his wife Marie Liesbeth were among the iron workers and families who came to America to work in the mines. They settled 9 miles south of Warrenton, Va. in Germantown, Prince William County. It is now called Fauquier County.

On the second day of June, 1724, Peter Hitt took oath that he came into the colony to dwell in 1714 with his wife, where upon a certificate was ordered to be granted them of right to take up 100 acres of land.

Their son Peter married Sarah James (said to be ancestor to Frank and Jesse James). They had a daughter called Elizabeth who married John Arnold.

Elizabeth and John migrated to Kentucky in August 1781 with 180 others. Their first lengthy stop was at Bryant's Station. They were there during the time of siege in 1782. The women and children helped the men of the fort to deceive the Indians and British into thinking they were unprepared for the attack planned by the British. They later moved to Craigs Fort where John owned a great deal of land. Their daughter, Nancy Arnold, married William Rice (son of Richard Rice and Polly Cave Rice) and they lived for a time on the border of Jessamine and Woodford Counties, Kentucky. They moved to Clay County, Missouri in 1834. William Rice died August 1877 in the pulpit at Clear Creek Church at Kearney, Missouri while using the text "Oh, death where is thy sting?" Following family tradition, their son John Cave Rice married a McGee (Elizabeth). Their son, Eugene and wife Emma Cox Rice owned and farmed what is now the Trimble Wild Life Reserve in Clinton County. They had 13 children. The youngest, Lawson, married Susan M. Martin of Edgerton, Missouri and are the parents of Mrs. Harry H. Willis of Harrisonville. Shirley and Harry moved to Harrisonville in October 1970. Liking the area, Harry retired from the USAF and a home was built. Their daughters, Gwen and Susan, are graduates of Harrisonville High School and now married and also make their homes in Cass County. Charles, a son, is still in high school at H.H.S.

It is not known whether David Rice Atchison is a cousin, nephew or grandson of Richard Rice but he is spoken of as a distant cousin of John C. Rice and joked about as having been president of the United States for one day and slept thru most of his term in office.

JOHN VOLVIA RIFFLE

The father of John Volvia Riffle, Byron Sylvester Riffle, was born in Fountain County, Newton, Indiana. In 1882 he moved with his wife, Melissa, and three sons, Ira, Lou and Ivan to Malvern, Iowa, where he engaged in grain and livestock farming. John and his brother, Tom, were born on this farm. In 1903 Byron Sylvester Riffle and his family moved to Cass County, Missouri, to a farm four miles northeast of Pleasant Hill. The move from Iowa was by horse drawn wagons in severe winter weather and took six days. Household goods and farm machinery were shipped by rail and unloaded at Pleasant Hill. The move from Iowa to Missouri was made so Mr. Riffle could invest in more farm land and his sons could continue in their farming operation, knowing that Cass County was bountifully blessed with nature's gift of ideal land for cultivation, luxuriant grasses for their livestock and adequate water and wood supply.

John V. Riffle attended Pleasant Hill High School and on Dec. 31, 1912, was united in marriage with Barbara Elizabeth Sulser at the Methodist Church parsonage in Pleasant Hill, both belonging to the Methodist Church all of their lifetime. Barbara Riffle's father and mother, William and Elizabeth Sulser, were born in Mauer, Germany, near Heidelberg, and came to America in 1869. The Riffle and Sulser families have been land owners in Cass County since 1874.

John and Barbara Riffle started farming one-half mile south of Pleasant Hill along the Jefferson Highway, now Missouri Highway #7. Their farm lies where the Great and Little Osage Indians roamed, near Big Creek. Their farming operation in 1912 included a large herd of registered Angus cattle, Chester White hogs, Percheron horses, White Leghorn chickens and Holstein dairy cows. Grain and hay crops were raised. They retired on the farm they built, which is recognized as one of the best in Cass County.

John Riffle spent over 25 years as a 4-H leader and advisor in Cass County. On Feb. 26, 1953, the Cass County Farm Bureau presented Mr. Riffle a diamond pin recognizing over 20 years of 4-H leadership, and later a ruby pin was presented him for 25 years as a 4-H leader. John and Barbara Riffle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 1972. Representative Ed Bohl introduced a resolution in the Missouri House of Representatives recognizing their long years of marriage. Mr. Riffle served on the Pleasant Hill school board, the city council and as Chairman of the G.O.P. central committee of Cass County. Barbara was a charter member of the Pleasant Hill Home Economics Club and served many years as a member of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association.

To this union were born two sons: John A. Riffle attended Pleasant Hill public schools and served in World War II in the United States Army and later the Air Corps and the Air Force. He began his military career as a private at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and retired from the Air Force as a Colonel. His love for agriculture and the soil brought him back to Cass

Mr. and Mrs.
John V. Riffle.

County where he was born and reared. His ten years in 4-H work included a National Health Championship at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and as delegate to the 1936 National 4-H Camp, Washington, D. C. His livestock were champions at the American Royal Livestock Show.

William B. Riffle graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. He spent ten years in 4-H work. During World War II William served as a fighter pilot, Lieutenant (j.g.) United States Navy, flying a Navy Grumann "Hellcat" from Aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theatre. He was credited with 31 combat missions. He lives in Overland Park, Kansas.

Judge Thomas Riffle, brother of John V. Riffle, served as Judge on the Cass County Court eight terms from 1948 and retired in 1964. He also served twenty years on the Pleasant Hill Township board.

RICHARD RICHFORD ROBERTS

Robert Richford Roberts, son of Lewis Roberts and Margaret, was born April 22, 1820 in Washington County, Iowa. He was one of nine children. In 1836 the family moved to Ash Grove, Illinois, in Iroquois County. He was a nephew of Richard Richford Roberts, a very well known, early day, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Robert R. Roberts married Pheobe Ann Taylor of Onarga, Illinois August 15, 1847. Pheobe Ann died at Ash Grove, Illinois November 14, 1851 after the birth of her third child. Maria Louisa, born December 15, 1849 survived her mother, as did her father. Maria was reared by her grandparents, Alonza and Malina Taylor, after the death of her mother. She attended a school for girls in Onarga, Illinois, preparing herself as a teacher. Sometime between 1865-1867, Maria came to Austin, Cass County, Missouri with her father and stepmother (Jane Clark Roberts). The father was a druggist in Austin. His drug store was located just north of the present Community Hall. The family lived in the rear of the store. R. R. Roberts was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Austin Methodist Episcopal Church. He passed away August 10, 1872. Maria Louisa taught school in the area; Pink Hill at Archie, Elm Branch northwest of Archie and the Everett school. On March 29, 1877 Maria Louisa became the bride of John Oliphant App, also a teacher, who lived south and east of Austin a few miles.

They were the parents of 2 daughters: Anna Snyder — married Calvin Becker. Their children were: Helen Louise married Carl Blair Henderson (sons: David, deceased, Robert Carl, John Marvin); Edith App married Frank Jones (sons: Anthony and Terry); adopted. John Allison married Sarah Bondurant (daughters: Patricia Rose and Priscilla Wowak); Dorothy Elizabeth married George Allen (no children).

Mabel Jackson married George Ennis Morriss. Their children were: Marjorie married Ralph Heins Patterson (son, Wendell Heins); Ennis App married Ruth Settle (daughter, Mary Patricia Pierro); Delmer Roberts married Viiginia Corene Mouse (daughter, Betty Carroll Marchbank); Harriet Seymour married Urson Charles Logue, Sr. (daughter, Linda Louisa Zellmer, son, Urson Charles Logue, Jr., daughter, Sherry Sue Limpus).

Great, great grandchildren of Maria Louisa Roberts App are: Gary, Brad, Brian and Cherri Lynne Marchbank, Jean Pierro, Anne Elizabeth and Lee Alison Zellmer, Jason Charles Logue, David, Ruth Ann and Sharon Henderson, Mark Henderson, Jill and James Russell Rose, David John and Brian Wowak.

Maria's stepmother lived with her until she passed away July 2, 1923. Maria died January 1, 1926, John Oliphant died November 8, 1939. Robert Richford Roberts and wife, Jane Clark Roberts, and small son, Edgar C. Roberts, Maria L. App and John O. App are all buried at the Austin Cemetery.

ALEXANDER ROBINSON

Alexander Robinson was born 11 Dec. 1819 in Virginia and at the age of seventeen immigrated to Ohio. He married Elizabeth Harkless, to whom two children were born, Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth Harkless Robinson died in 1845, in Morgan Co., Ohio.

Ellen Nora Hutchinson was born 10 Dec. 1829 in Ohio. She married William Clemens on 10 Oct. 1846, the marriage having ended in divorce in 1854, with two children, John and Taylor.

Alexander Robinson and Ellen Nora Hutchinson Clemens were married in 1855. While living in Hanging Rock, Ohio, a daughter, Anna L. Robinson was born 9 May 1856. She married Neptha (Nev) Smith and died 19 Nov. 1922.

In 1857 the Robinsons went to Missouri, settling in Cass Co. He was a farmer and carpenter and farmed west of Harrisonville. At one time the Robinsons ran a grist mill.

On 27 June 1861 Alexander Robinson enlisted in Co. B. Cass County Regiment of the Missouri Home Guards. He served under Major Deane at Austin, Missouri. Soon after, he formed a Company of State Militia and became its Captain. During the Civil War he took part in the terrible and fierce battle of Lone Jack.

Other children born to the Robinsons were: William Fremont 2 May 1861, married Nancy Butler and then Deliliah Vaughn, he died 12 Nov. 1915; Eve Rosetta, 26 Oct. 1865, married James M. Hunt and died 30 Aug. 1948; Charles S., 20 Sept. 1867, died 30 Jan. 1938; Robert Denver, 16 May 1870, died 11 Dec. 1936; Birt Alex, 15 Feb. 1872, died 12 July 1943; Mary Jane, 28 Jan. 1874, married James Smith 10 Nov. 1889 and died 12 Dec. 1952. All those children were born in Harrisonville.

Capt. and Mrs. Alexander Robinson.

Captain Alex Robinson died at his home on West Wall Street at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, 31 May 1902. Services were held Sunday, 1 June 1902 at the West Wall residence. His old friend and comrade, Major Deane, and the Rev. T. F. Kelly conducted the services and interment was at Oakland Cemetery.

Ellen Robinson was laid to rest on 19 Dec. 1906 at Oakland Cemetery.

J. V. ROBINSON

Jeremiah Vardeman Robinson was born in Kentucky in 1823. He died in 1923 and is buried in Belton. His first wife was Jane Bush Robinson. They had one child, Frank Gentry Robinson. After the death of Jane Bush Robinson, J. V. Robinson married Mary Catherine Hampton. She was a descendant of the Wade Hampton's of South Carolina. They had one daughter, Minerva Frances Robinson, born in 1866.

Shortly after the Civil War, Mr. Robinson came to Kansas City by steam boat. The Robinson family lived in Kansas City for several years. In 1869, the Robinson's moved to Cass County and settled at High Blue, which is a short distance west of the present town of Belton. After Belton was platted in 1872, he moved to the new town and became its first settler. He established a dry goods and general mercantile store. In this venture he was joined by his son and a nephew. Later, Richard Patton Dunlap, also of Kentucky, came into the organization. When Mr. Robinson was fifty years old he retired from business and did not work again for "gain". He lived another fifty years. Minerva Frances Robinson married Richard Patton Dunlap. They had one child, Richard L. Dunlap, born in 1898. In 1923, Richard L. Dunlap married Lucy Wilson, granddaughter of George W. Scott, the founder of Belton. They had one daughter, Frances Scott Dunlap, born in 1930.

Richard L. Dunlap and Frances Scott Dunlap are the only direct descendants of the Robinson-Dunlap families in the Belton area. Mr. Dunlap is a retired banker and is a farmer. He is actively engaged in business. He is a Veteran of World War I.

MAURICE SMART ROBINSON

Maurice Smart Robinson is a retired farmer in Coldwater Township, Cass County. He was born May 21, 1907, at the farm home one mile south of Lisle and four miles north of Drexel. This home is located on the west side of D Highway, which is often called Holmes Street Road. Maurice's parents bought this farm home in 1895. Maurice and his wife bought the same place from his father in 1943.

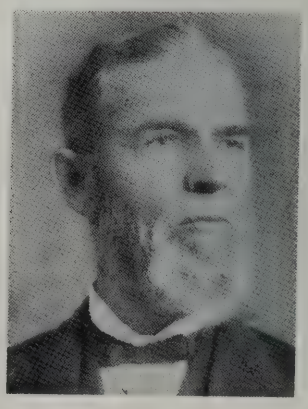
Maurice's parents, Eugene Clarence Robinson and Sally W. Laudeman, moved from Hickman Mills to the Cass County farm. At that time they had four children. They were Mabel J., Martha Virginia, Anna Laura and Eugene Clarence, Jr. Five more children were born after they moved to Cass County. They were Katherine Hazelrigg, James Merlin, Benjamin Montague, Maurice Smart and Mary Frances. Mary and Maurice were twins. (Mary) Mrs. Merle E. Jones lives at Beloit, Kansas. (Mabel) Mrs. W. L. Browning lives at Lee's Summit. Maurice's other sisters and his brothers have passed away.

Maurice's wife is the former Susanna Yarick. She was reared in Vernon and Bates Counties. She is the daughter of Mr. A. W. Yarick, Rich Hill, Missouri. He is a farmer and a director and agent of an insurance company. Her mother was the former Lena Yoss. She died in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Robinson moved from Kansas City, Missouri, to the farm home in 1940, and this has been their residence since then.

They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Joyce Susanna Robinson and her husband, Charles Young, and their daughter, June Suzanne, and son, James Ray, live in Kansas City, Kansas. Charles is an employee of a manufacturing company. Robert Maurice Robinson and his wife, Karen, their daughter, Dawn Anne, and their two sons, Lance Robert and Cory Allen, live in Jefferson City. Robert is the director of the Department of Solid Waste of the State of Missouri. Mary Elizabeth Robinson and her husband, Dr. Marvin R. Faulwell, D.D.S. and their daughter, Julie Ann, live in Raytown, Missouri. Martha Virginia Robinson and her husband, Harland K. Hunt and their daughter, Amy Marie, live in Saint Joseph. Harland is a cost accountant for a meat packing company.



J.V. Robinson — 1878.

ROMEY ROBERT ROOKS

Romey and Addie Rooks.

Romey Robert Rooks (born Ind. 22 Dec. 1865, died 15 Dec. 1942), together with his father, John Rooks (born Ky. 1814, died 1906) and three brothers, Fred, Cammie and Ray, came to Harrisonville by covered wagon around 1893 from Terre Haute, Indiana. Romey married Addie Smith (born 28 July 1879, died 14 Nov. 1954) and settled on North Lexington St. at the edge of what is known as Luna Lake. In fact, he, with horses and slip, excavated the lake under contract from John Davis. Romey was a house mover and heavy machinery erector and there still is evidence of his work around Harrisonville. For example, he installed the clock in the cupola on the Court House; the large columns on the front of the Christian Church, quite an undertaking in those days.

One of the favorite stories about Romey by Frank Runnenburger: One Halloween Romey and a local veterinarian hoisted a stuffed bull to the top of the Court House. Can you imagine the amazement of the local people the next morning on seeing that bull standing up there? The news soon spread throughout the county and people drove from miles around to see the sight. Romey would not own up to being the culprit and refused to take it down. The spring rains came and the formaldehyde started oozing out, running down the gutters and contaminated the well. Finally the county board had someone go up on the roof and push the carcass over the side.

Romey and wife lived out the rest of their lives at the North Lexington address. They had three daughters, Helen (Cash), Julia died by drowning when eleven months old, and Blanche (Stevens).

Blanche Rooks (Stevens), born Harrisonville, Missouri, daughter of Romey Robert and Addie (Smith) Rooks, attended the Harrisonville school system, graduating with the class of 1919. Attended and graduated from Central Business College, Kansas City. Worked two years as secretary for the Western Bridge Co., then for Judge Andrew Whitsitt, and for Farm Bureau until 15 June 1926. She was married on 15 Aug. 1926 to William Smith Stevens (born 28 July 1903, died 1 Aug. 1960), of Green Forest, Ark. They were married at Sun Forest, Wisconsin, and made their home at Lake Beulah, East Troy, Wisconsin. They had two children: William Rooks Stevens (born 2 Jan. 1930) married Marilyn Peterson 23 April 1955. They have three children: Kristen, Carl and Elizabeth. They make their home at Rockford, Michigan. Esther Stevens Goldberg (born 22 Dec. 1931) married Dr. Eugene Goldberg of Chicago on 19 June 1955. They have two sons: Raymond and Adam. Their home is Castro Valley, California.

LAWRENCE ROSIER

To give the history of the Lawrence William and Abbie Jane McNeil-Rosier family one must step briefly across the line from Cass County into Bates County. Lawrence's father, George Rosier, owned a farm a few miles over the line in Bates County. Abbie's father, James McNeil, was also a Bates County farmer. Both families located in Missouri before the Civil War.

During the War, when the jayhawkers and bushwhackers were stealing and marauding along the Missouri-Kansas line, the McNeils left Missouri, as it was unsafe to remain. They traveled by wagon to Otterville, Missouri where James had a brother, Peter McNeil. They then went by rail to Pennsylvania, returning to Bates County after the War ended.

The George Rosier family returned to Iowa during the War and they, too, came back to Missouri after it ended.

Time went by and Lawrence and Abbie became sweethearts. One Sunday afternoon, September 26, 1875, they rode on horseback several miles to "Preacher Lacy's" house, near Freeman. Here they were married and the next spring they moved to the two-room log cabin on their farm three-fourths of a mile west of Everett.

A two-story house was later built which burned to the ground in the very cold, hard month of January, 1905. The present house was completed by May but the family never recovered financially from the loss and had to give up the farm. They moved to Las Animas, Colorado in 1910 and on to Maxwell, New Mexico in 1914.

The Rosiers lived in Cass County thirty-two years.

Elsie (1877-1954) married John George in 1903. Cass County was her home all of her life except the last nine months, spent in the home of her son, F. Rosier George, in Texas.

Edna (1883-1970) married Clyde Walley in 1906. The Walleys were another pre-Civil War Bates County family. Mrs. Lee Smith, of Drexel, is the only one of Edna's eleven children

now living in Cass County.

Fred (1889-1951) was a machine gunner in W.W.I. Fred married Emma Van Houten in 1928. At the time of his death he was working in the Federal Customs Office in El Paso, Texas.

Booker (1891-1930) never married. He remained on the farm working with his parents. The three of them are buried in the little cemetery at Maxwell, New Mexico.

Alice (1893-) taught three years and then married Dr. M. T. McDowell of Maxwell where they lived until Dr. McDowell's death in 1948. She now resides in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her four children all live in New Mexico.

Alda (1896-) lives in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where she began teaching in 1925. After retirement she married Earl L. Robinson, who died in 1969.

Alice and Alda's teaching careers began in Cass County. Alice taught her first year in the Amarugia School and Alda's first teaching experience was in the Everett School.

FRANK ROTH

Frank Roth, son of Peter and Miriam Neuenschwander Roth, was born near Wheatland, Missouri on September 14, 1889. His paternal grandparents were the Chris Roth family from Germany. The Neuenschwanders came from Switzerland in 1853.

When he was eighteen Frank came to work on farms in Cass County. On November 22, 190[illegible] Frank was baptized with twenty-nine others in Clearfork Stream near Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church by J. J. Hartzler.

On Thanksgiving Day of 1910 Frank and Emma Plank, daughter of Moses and Fanny Plank, were married. They first lived at the Plank Farm. It was there Celesta (Mrs. Charles Sperry of Independence, Missouri) was born March 9, 1913, and Harold was born December 10, 1915.

The Roths rented Aaron King's farm in 1918, and September 11, 1919 Eva Ruth (now of Independence, Missouri) was born. Celesta and Harold began their education at Clearfork School.

The present Frank Roth farm, located eight miles east of Harrisonville on #2 Highway, was bought in 1922. Neighbors helped move thirty-two wagon loads and livestock to the Roth's new home. Then the Roth children attended Smith School where Frank served on the school board twenty years.

In 1939 Frank and Harold rented the adjoining "Yoder" Farm, and the Roth Partnership began. Harold moved there after his marriage to Mildred Allinson, a rural teacher. In 1944 the farm was purchased.

Emma Roth died June 28, 1953. Frank farmed until his retirement in 1957, but was always ready to help during busy times.

Children of the Harold Roth family were: Dwight, born October 26, 1941; Leonard, born September 21, 1943; Shirley (now Mrs. Thomas Schrock), born December 5, 1949; and Carol, born August 7, 1958. The boys went to Smith Rural School. Later the few pupils were transported to #9 School. After consolidation, the girls attended school at East Lynne. All graduated from Harrisonville High. Leonard received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Mo. at Rolla. Shirley attended Missouri University at Columbia. Carol has been accepted in the University of Missouri School of Medicine at Kansas City.

Frank Roth going for a load of hay.

Dwight was a state FFA officer and received the state and American Farmer degrees. He joined the farm operation in 1960, and the Roth Partnership was again in existence.

1962 was the year of Roth weddings! Dwight and Wanda Andrews were married in July and moved into their new home on the "Dave Hershberger" farm which joined the other family farms. Leonard married Joan Payne in July, also. The wedding of Frank to Nellie Hartzler was in December. They built a home on Frank's farm, and there he enjoys his lawn and garden in summer and wood-working projects during winter.

4-H has been a favorite project of the family. They have been members of the Eight Mile club many years. They also enjoy active membership in the Harrisonville Christian Church. Harold was a charter member of the Cass County Livestock association and has memberships in the Missouri and National Cattlemen's organizations. In 1966 he received the "Showme Stockman Award". In 1970 he was presented the cattlemen's "Booster Award".

Dedication to farming is reflected in the partnership's participation in the Cass County Balanced Farming Program. In 1963 the Roths were the Missouri Farm Family of the Year at the American Royal.

Harold and Mildred Roth are charter members of the East Lynne Chamber of Commerce and Mildred is a charter member of her local extension club and the Elco Garden Club.

They enjoy traveling, entertaining foreign students, and their six grandsons.

Frank and Nellie still attend the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church where he was trustee nine years. One of his joys is seeing the farming operation about him.

REX RATCLIFF ROWLAND

Rex R. Rowland, a successful stockman and farmer, owned and operated a 268 acre stock farm located four miles northeast of Harrisonville, Missouri, in Cass County, for more then sixteen years. The family of Rowland emigrated from the British Isles, probably Ireland or Wales. His grandfather, Dr. William B. Rowland, was born in Virginia about 1825, married Mary Frances DeAtley, of Virginia Jan. 8, 1852 and they

became the parents of three children. Florence, married John Hall, of Peake's Turnout, Va.; Havard Kane; and Nannie Darcus, married Napolean Doggett, of Kentucky. The DeAtley family came from France.

Havard K ıe Rowland, ou .. jects' father, was born at Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky Jan. 25, 1860. In 1887 he left Maysville and went west to Dodge City, Kansas. He owned and operated a hotel in Dodge for two years. He made the Oklahoma Territory Run in 1889. He was granted a homestead of 160 acres of land in Rock Island Township, Mathewson, C. nadian County, Ok'. 'oma. He later bought 120 acres of adjoining land. On March 31, 1897 he married Anna Eliza Ratcliff, a school teacher. She was born Dec. 4, 1874 to John Ratcliff, of English descent, and Maria Louisa Cummings, whose mother was a full blood French woman.

The Havard Rowland home was one of the most beautiful in that area. It was always a well kept farm and a productive one. He and his wife, Anna, lived there until 1932, at which time they moved to Oklahoma City. He died April 25, 1934 and was buried in the Mathewson Cemetery, only about two miles from his farm. His wife moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, and later to Harrisonville, Missouri. She died in Independence, Missouri Feb. 2, 1963 and was buried in Mathewson Cemetery.

Rex Ratcliff Rowland was born in Piedmont, Canadian County, Oklahoma Apr. 23, 1898. He grew up on his fathers' farm and went to school in that area. His mother was his teacher most of the grade school years. He graduated from Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. On May 26, 1920 he married Leah Edda Hidy. She was born May 11, 1903 near the little town of Weldon, Iowa. She attended Oklahoma A & M College, also, studying home economics, art and music.

Marion Francis (Frank) Hidy, the father of Leah Hidy, was born at LaSalle, Iowa Nov. 11, 1891 and died at Piedmont, Oklahoma March 19, 1927. Buried in El Reno, Oklahoma Cemetery. He was the son of Phillip and Elizabeth Ralph Hidy. Mrs. Rowland has the history of the Hidy family to her fourth great grandparents. Henrich S. Heyde was born in Germany in 1703, died 1765. Hidy immigrants to America settled in Virginia and Ohio. Elizabeth Ralphs' ancestors came from Scotland and settled in New Jersey.

Mattie Lou Tolbert, Leah E. Hidys' mother, was born in or near Oregan, Missouri July 15, 1879 and died in Independence Missouri Sept. 2, 1962. She is buried in El Reno Cemetery. This couple was married in Redding, Iowa, Ringold County, Dec. 11, 1898. Mattie Tolbert was the daughter of Joseph (Cherokee Indian and French) and Nancy Wilkenson Tolbert (Pa. Dutch). Frank and Mattie Hidy were the parents of three daughters: Blance Page of Harrisonville, Mo.; Leah Edda and Eva Josephine Burns of Vista, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rowland.

Rex Rowland farmed with his father for two years after his marriage. In 1922 he moved his family to Kansas City, Mo. They then had one daughter, Winifred Frances, born April 10, 1921 near Piedmont, Okla. Their second daughter was born Dec. 16, 1922 at Independence, Mo.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland were members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was an elder and served as pastor of the Harrisonville church for about eight years. Mr. Rowland died from a heart attack Dec. 29, 1962 and is buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville. Mrs. Rowland now lives in Merced, California.

Winifred Frances Rowland married Alvis Wilson, of Oklahoma City on July 16, 1939. They had one child, Rowland Ray Wilson, born March 15, 1943. He is a graduate of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas, served as pilot of a C130 in Vietnam and is now with a real estate firm in Houston, Texas. Winifred married 2nd, Lt. Col. Dio P. Rittenhouse Feb. 2, 1951 and they live in California. No children.

Betty Jeanette Rowland married Chester Allison Powers, of Oklahoma City, May 8, 1945. He is employed as an Area Traffic Manager by the Rock Island Railroad. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Children: Ronald Steven born Oct. 9, 1946 Oklahoma City, married Linda Kaye Cockfort of Florida on Aug. 7, 1969. He served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard. They are living in Salt Lake City. Jerry Lynn, born in Shawnee, Okla. May 14, 1949, married Stephane Greenland of Salt Lake City, Aug. 12, 1971. They have a son, Joshua Lynn, born Aug. 24, 1972.

CLARENCE H. RUCKEL

Clarence H. Ruckel, son of George W. and Ellen (Smith) Ruckel, was born in 1878 and married Clara B. Little, a sister of the wife of his brother, George B. Ruckel. They established a home on an 160 acre farm one mile west of his parental home. Four daughters were born to them, Clara (1907), Harriett (1909), Mary Louise (1912) and Rachel (1921).

Clara Ruckel taught school ten years in Cass county and upon receiving a degree in Home Economics from Warrensburg, taught at Richmond, Missouri. During this time she married J. Carney Ogg, a farmer. After the death of her husband, she joined the University of Missouri Extension Service. After serving eighteen years, Clara retired in Harrisonville, Missouri. Among her travels were trips to Canada, Alaska, Mexico, Jamaica and Hawaii.

Harriett Ruckel was married to Harold W. Jenkins (Cass County) in 1932, after teaching three years. They bought a farm east of Garden City. She was awarded a degree from Warrensburg and has taught continuously since the death of her husband in 1957. She bought a home in Garden City in 1966. Their son, Jerrold W. Ogg (Jerry), was born in 1942. Jerry married Iona Ice (Houston, Mo.) in 1962. They, with

their three children, Brian (1963), Jana Rae (1965) and Timothy (1971), live in the new home they built in 1972 on the parental farm. Iona taught at Garden City prior to her marriage. Jerry is in construction and farms.

Mary Ruckel married John C. Koch, of Holden, Missouri, in 1932 and they established a home three-fourths mile from the present Koch farm, which was the homeplace of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ruckel. Their children are John Ruckel (J.R.) (1933) and Mary Carol (1941). J.R. married Lela Parris, Garden City, in 1958 and lives in a home they built in 1968 just west of Creighton. Lela was born in San Diego, California in 1940. They have two sons, Mark W. (1959) and John R. (1960) and a daughter, Clara Louise (1968). J.R. Koch is a farmer and real estate agent. Lela is an avid lover and collector of antiques, dealing mostly in depression glass. She has operated "The Glass House" in their home since 1968. Mary Carol Koch graduated from Warrensburg and taught six years in Truman School at Hickman Mills. She married Richard E. Thornburg, of Creighton, who was then serving in the Navy. They purchased eighty acres and built a new home three miles west of Creighton. Their children are Kimberly (1968) and Richard C. (Ricky) (1970). Richard is a carpenter, cabinet maker and stockman.

Rachel Ruckel, the fourth daughter of Clarence and Clara Ruckel, married Lt. Bentley Teaver, Senath, Mo., who was killed in an army accident. She married 2nd, Robert J. Sitzes in 1943. (See sketch)

The Clarence Ruckel family was industrious — the day began at 5 a.m. In 1907, more land, 240 acres, was added to the farm they had purchased and improvements were made. They raised cattle and hogs for marketing. Butchering and wood-sawing were more or less a social event for the men of the neighborhood. Work was exchanged and extra farm labor was hired during harvesting. Like most families, the Ruckels kept at least two teams of work horses and two light horses for driving and riding. One of the proud events of the family was the purchase of a surrey to replace the buggy the family had outgrown in 1912.

Mr. Ruckel cared for the soil by rotating crops. Extreme importance was placed on care given machinery, fences, buildings and household equipment. Weeds were cut out of the fence rows by hand. Homemade butter and bread were a part of every meal. Social life usually consisted of parties in the home or church and school events. Popular in the fall was the box or pie supper held in the rural school. Social life was often curtailed by the effect of the weather on the dirt country roads.

The wives of Clarence and George B. Ruckel, Clara and Elizabeth Little, were daughters of Harriet Quick Little, whose parents were Cornelius (See sketch) and Dosha Page Quick, an early Cass County family. Clarence H. Ruckel died in 1947.

GEORGE W. RUCKEL

The first Ruckel family to live in Cass County was that of George W. Ruckel and his wife, Ellen (Smith) Ruckel. George (1839-1911) was born in Medina County, Ohio. He was one of the five children of Peter and Sarah (Heckman) Ruckel, pioneers of Medina County. Ellen (1847—1934) was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, one of the eight children of John Smith (1807), of Manchester, England and Jane (Buxton) Smith (1812), of Derby, England. In 1866 the family moved to Johnson County, Missouri.

George W. Ruckel and Ellen Smith were married in Holden, Missouri in 1872 and moved to Cass County in 1876. They purchased a farm of 160 acres west of Creighton and increased their holdings to 700 acres during Georges' lifetime. He was a carpenter, farmer and stockman. He began handling Galloway cattle in 1890, each year buying a registered male, usually at the Royal Stock Show. Mr. and Mrs. Ruckel were the parents of five chilren.

1. George B. Ruckel (1872-1943), who married Elizabeth Little, a teacher in the Cass and Henry County schools, in April 1912, established their home on a farm adjoining that of his parents. This home, barns and livestock were destroyed by a tornado in June of the same year.

2. Ida Ruckel, daughter of George and Ellen Ruckel, was married to a farmer and school teacher, C. D. Hopkins. They were the parents of two daughters, Amy and Constance. They later taught in the Creighton and Highland schools in Cass County in the early 1920s.

3. The second daughter, Nellie, married Charles B. Wade. Their home south of Creighton is still occupied by their oldest children, Eleanor and Lawrence Wade. Their youngest son, George Wade and his wife, Donna (Pullen), occupy and own the original Ruckel home. Their children are George, Mary Lee, Bobby and Charles.

4. Mark V. Ruckel, son of George and Ellen Ruckel, married Alma Chandler, a granddaughter of another Ohio family who had migrated to Cass County. They had two sons, George C. and Mark V., who was born in October after his father died in May, 1917. Both George and Mark served in World War II. George, with his wife and four children live in Washington, D.C. and Mark and his wife live in Kansas City, Missouri.

5. The second son of George and Ellen Ruckel was Clarence H. Ruckel (1878-1947), who married Clara B. Little in February 1907. (See sketch)

F. X. RUNNENBURGER

Franz Georgius Runnenburger was born Aug. 24, 1826 in Sayn, Germany and left there Nov. 26, 1851 to come to the United States. It is not known when nor why he changed his name to Francis Xavier Runnenburger. His parents were Andreas and Anna Maria (Holli) Runnenburger. He was their oldest son. He had 2 brothers, Henrich and William and a sister, Gertrude and a half brother, Peter. F. X. left home to come to the United States to avoid the draft. It is thought he first settled in Nebraska, then moved to Missouri before the start of the Civil War. His sister, Gertrude, married an American and came to the United States in May, 1853. Her husband's name was Holler, but nothing is known of their descendents. In 1865 F. X. and Mary Kelley (May 6, 1843-Apr. 21, 1923) were married. He was a cabinet maker by trade and during the Civil War made coffins for both soldiers and civilians. He also made furniture and marked all pieces

F.X.R. He started the furniture store and funeral business in 1866. F. X. died Feb. 19, 1890. He and Mary were the parents of 5 children. George Wm. (May 29, 1866-Oct. 16, 1869); Turner (May 28, 1868-April 8, 1923); Frank Ernest (July 11, 1870-May 22, 1960); Infant (Jan. 7, 1875); and Gertrude Sarah (Feb. 26, 1876-July 31, 1969). Turner and Anna Johnson (June 15, 1872—Aug. 1, 1948) were married and they had 2 daughters — Lillian, (June 18, 1895) and Margaret (1896—1931). Lillian married Dr. H. C. Bailey and they had 1 son, Turner (Feb. 12, 1930). Turner married Shirley Lavery and they have 4 children — Richard, Kathryn Ann, Barbara and Patricia. (Frank Ernest Runnenburger's history appears elsewhere in this book.) Gertrude Sarah and Luther Raymond Twyman (1871-1949) were married and they had two sons — L. R. Twyman, Jr., and Harold Francis Twyman.

FRANK ERNEST RUNNENBURGER, JR.

Frank Ernest Runnenburger, Jr., was born Aug. 19, 1903, son of Frank E. and Sabra Hall Runnenburger at Harrisonville, Mo. He attended the local schools and graduated in 1922. He graduated from Central Business College in Kansas City and later from the Williams Institute of Embalming in Kansas City, Kans. His mother died when he was ten years old, so at an early age Ernest went with his father to the family store, Runnenburger Bros. and Co., becoming a member of the firm in 1926. Ernest is a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church and served as its treasurer for many years. He became a Mason in 1931 and of the Shrine in 1946. He had been an active member of Kiwanis since 1924 and served as president in 1955.

June 23, 1927, Ernest married Mary Brierly Haynes, daughter of Thomas Nathan and Lucy Lee Brierly Haynes. Mr. Haynes was a prominent lawyer in Harrisonville more than 50 years. Mary B. graduated from Stephens College in 1924 and taught in the Harrisonville Grade School before her marriage. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and after it was dissolved, she attended the Baptist Church with her husband, and until 1962 taught a Sunday School class at the Methodist Church. She worked with the Cub Scouts when they started in 1940, was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and a 4-H leader. She is a member of the Eastern Star and served on the Rainbow Girls board. She is a charter member of the Harrisonville Progress Club, the Young Matrons and the D.A.R. She has also been active in American Field Service.

To the union of Ernest and Mary B. three children were born: Sabra, August 29, 1930; Frank Ernest, III, April 3, 1932; and Carolyn, October 16, 1938.

Sabra married William Worth Peak June 3, 1949, and they had one son, Michael Worth, born February 24, 1950. Sabra died December 3, 1952 in the Philippine Islands where her husband was serving in the United States Air Corps. Their son made his home with his grandparents in Harrisonville, graduating from high school in 1968 and Missouri University in 1932.

Frank Ernest, III, attended Drury College at Springfield, C.M.S.U. at Warrensburg and the University of Minnesota where he was graduated with an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science in 1958. He married Carole Ann Parslow of St. Paul, Minn., June 22, 1958. They have two adopted children: Stephen Lee, born Feb. 17, 1963, and Beth Ann, born March 17, 1967.

Carolyn graduated from Stephens College and Missouri University in 1960. She married Dr. James A. Hasek of Mountain Grove, Mo., in 1959. They have five children: David Carlton, Charles Nathan, Laura Jane, Sarah Beth and Brian Scott.

FRANK ERNEST RUNNENBURGER, SR.

Frank Ernest Runnenburger was born July 11, 1870, and was the third son of Francis Xavier and Mary (Kelley) Runnenburger. At a very early age he and his brother, Turner, helped their parents in the operation of a furniture store and funeral business. He married Lillie Currey in 1894, but she died the following March 6, 1895. On June 24, 1901 he married Sabra Hall (March 14, 1878-March 14, 1913). Sabra was the daughter of Captain D. K. and Mrs. Lou J. Hall. Frank E. and Sabra were the parents of 4 children — Frank Ernest, Jr. (Aug. 19, 1903), Miriam (Feb. 9, 1910 — April 10, 1961) and twins, Elinor and Emily (March 6, 1913). Ernest and Mary B. Haynes (June 14, 1903) were married in June 1927. Ernest and Mary B. had 3 children Sabra (Aug. 29, 1930-Dec. 9, 1952), Frank Ernest, III, (April 3, 1932), and Carolyn (Oct. 16, 1938). Sabra and William Worth Peak were married in 1949 and they had 1 son, Michael Worth Peak (Feb. 24, 1950). Sabra died in 1952. Frank, III, and Carole Ann Parslow (June 5, 1935) were married in June 1958 and they have 2 children — Stephen Lee (Feb. 17, 1963) and Beth Ann (March 17, 1967). Carolyn and Dr. James A. Hasek were married in 1959 and they have 5 children — David Carlton (April 9, 1916), Charles Nathan (Sept. 21, 1962), Laura Jane (March 26, 1964), Sarah Beth (Nov. 4, 1973) and Brian Scott (Dec. 27, 1974.

Miriam and William Ross Shelton (June 19, 1905) were married in August, 1934 and they had 5 children — Judith Ann (Nov. 7, 1935), Linda Lou (Jan. 11, 1938), William Ross, II (Aug. 14, 1942), Miriam (Honey) (Oct. 2, 1945), Serena Sue (Oct. 6, 1948). Judith Ann and Ronald Alexander King (July 16, 1932) were married Nov. 7, 1956 and have 3 children — Ronald Anthony (Sept. 6, 1957), Gegory Alexander (April 3, 1959), and Victoria Emily (May 11, 1964). Linda Lou and William Ralph, Council, Jr. (June 9, 1934) were married Dec. 1, 1957 and have 3 children — Karen Elaine (Oct. 31, 1959), William Ralph, III, (July 20, 1961), and Wendell Russell (June 28, 1967). William Ross, II, and Marie Annette Clayton (Feb. 20, 1843) were married in 1964 and have 2 daughters — Dawn Marie (Feb. 25, 1965) and Twila Miriam (May 26, 1967). Miriam (Honey) and John Ross Fowler (July 23, 1935) were married Oct. 5, 1963 and have 3 children — Johanna (Dec. 27, 1964), Stephanie Jane (Dec. 10, 1966), and Jennifer

Drew (July 6, 1970). They were divorced in Oct. 1972 and Dec. 22, 1974 Miriam (Honey) married Robert Haas (Sept. 30, 1945). Serena Sue and David Pipkin (June 8, 1947) were married May 30, 1970. Elinor and George F. Brock (Jan. 22, 1908) were married Aug. 17, 1933 and had 2 sons — George F., Jr. died at birth Nov. 1936 and John Frank (Oct. 14, 1939). John Frank and Kathryn Maureen Corkery (Jan. 1, 1943) were married Oct. 1962 and have 1 daughter, Erin Maureen (April 9, 1966). Emily and Robert Walter Kershaw, Jr. (April 7, 1911-May 30, 1949) were married Aug. 29, 1936.

CHRISTIAN W. RUSHLY

In 1882, C.W. Rushly, a boy of fourteen, together with his sister, Emma, and his mother, Mrs. Anna Rushly, and grandmother, Mrs. Maria Klopfenstein, emigrated from Alsace Lorraine, France. They were looking forward to a good life in America. This life they found on a farm near Medford, Missouri south of Holden.

Chris's mother and grandmother passed away and were buried in a little cemetery near Medford. Emma married Chris Klopfenstein. They farmed for several years and then moved with their two children, Fred and Olga, to Los Angeles, California.

In 1907 Chris met and married Susie Raber. Her parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Gillom) Raber. Their ancestry is also traced back to Alsace Lorraine. Sam and Joe Raber, Peter's brothers, lived for many years in Holden. Joe's wife, Mrs. Ellen Raber, is a resident at the ABC Nursing Home in Harrisonville. Although she is 97, she still enjoys visits from her relatives and many friends.

The Rushlys sold their Johnson County farm in 1916 and bought one in Cass County from the Dave Kauffmans, who were moving to North Dakota. So it was 60 years ago that Chris and Susie, with their three sons, Rolla, Lawrence and Ralph located five miles northwest of Garden City. Nine years later they purchased, from Noah Hartzlers, 60 acres just to the north of their farm. The family enjoyed tilling the soil and raising cattle, hogs and chickens. It was a familiar sight to see Chris riding to town in his buggy, as he never learned to drive a car.

In 1935 and 1936 respectively, Lawrence and Rolla married sisters, Ruth and May King. Vera Hartzler and Ralph were married in 1939. Even after all three sons left home they continued to work together. Each had his own farm but shared in the farming responsibilities of the others. This continued until their owns sons were old enough to farm.

Chris and Susie had six grandchildren. Rolla's children, Mrs. Joe (the late Barbara Jean) Yoder and Ronald; Lawrence's daughter, Mrs. Don (Ella May) Shingleton; and Ralph's children, Martha Sue, Roger and Don. The great grandchildren are Brian and Rachel Yoder, Debbie, Tamie and Jerry Shingleton and Raymond, Mahlon, Christian and Jonathan Rushly. They all attend the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church.

The Chris Rushly family roots are deeply planted in Cass County. Martha Sue, who is an LPN in Kansas City, is the only descendent who lives more than three miles from the family home. Ralph, Vera and son, Don, live on the homeplace. Roger who recently married Susan Willis, lives nearby and farms with his father and brother. Ronald and his wife, Loretta (Edwards), and four sons live on the 60 acres. Don Shingleton and Joe Yoder have also chosen agriculture and their occupation. In addition to being a farm wife, Barbara Jean was a Registered Nurse at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at the time of her death in 1975.

The C. W. Rushly family. Taken about 1924. *From left to right:* Rolla, Chris, Ralph, Susie and Lawrence. The farm which they purchased in 1916 is still owned and farmed by Ralph and family.

Chris, unlike his father, who only lived 37 years, enjoyed a busy active life for 85 years. Susie spent the eleven years following Chris's death in 1954, with her sons and their families. She passed away in 1965 at 88.

One gets a feeling of nostalgia when remembering the many homemade goodies made and served by Susie. Chris will be remembered for his quiet personality and deep concern for his family and friends.

DUNCAN RUSSELL

Duncan Russell, born in Scotland, was the son of William and Margaret Russell. The family emigrated from Scotland to America in 1852, and located in Virginia. Mr. Russell was a skilled iron manufacturer and operated a rolling mill and a furnace in Virginia.

During the Civil War the family came to St. Louis, Missouri; and at the close of the war they moved near Drexel in Cass County, Missouri. In 1868, the Russell's purchased a farm in Grand River Township, where he lived but 3 short years to enjoy his land. He died in 1871, and is buried in the Orient cemetery in Harrisonville. Mrs. Russell survived her husband 41 years, her death came at age 81, in 1912. William and Margaret Russell were the parents of 6 children; Margaret (Brown), Duncan, Ellen (Wilson), Sarah, Daniel B., John (Jack). All are deceased, and several are buried in Orient cemetery beside their parents.

Duncan Russell was born in Clockmanen, Scotland, May 11, 1847; coming to America at the age of 5 years. He received his education in the public schools of St. Louis, Missouri, and added to his store of knowledge by reading at home.

At the age of 27 he began life for himself on a farm southeast of Harrisonville known as the Mount Zion Community. Here he brought his bride, Eliza Jack, daughter of John and Emmaline (Creed) Jack, of Lamar County, Texas. Mrs. Russell was born in Tennessee in 1853. To them were born 6 chil-

dren: Dollie (Tribert) who, as this is written, was 101 years old November 2, 1975, and is living in New York City with her daughter, Lora McCabe.; William, Walter D., Margaret (Eastin), Anna (Hoover), and C. Winfrey. All are deceased except Dollie and Winfrey, who yet live in Harrisonville.

Mr. Russell purchased a 120 acre farm 4½ miles southeast of Harrisonville on March 8, 1875, from W. H. Wells who had entered it from the government. This farm is presently owned by his son Winfrey. He raised stock and farmed the land until his death in February, 1934. He and his wife, and 3 of the children are buried in Orient cemetery.

Duncan Russell served as presiding judge of the Cass County Court from Nov. 6, 1894 to 1898. During his term of office the present court house was built. It was built with a levy of 25 mills for 2 years without issue of bonds. Many said that it could never be built with the money thus raised, but it was built, and with a surplus of $500.

Some of the Russell history is enclosed among items placed in the corner stone of the court house.

A farmer boy, with few advantages, he made a place of trust and respect among his fellow citizens; and earned the success he honorably attained.

JOHN THOMAS RUSSELL

John Thomas and Lydia Calloway Russell came in a covered wagon from DeKalb County to Cass County, Missouri, in 1901 to their farm home eight miles west of Harrisonville and one mile south of old Prettyman Spur. The Russells had four children to make the trip with them. Four other children were born in Cass County but three died in infancy.

Their children were: Charles Stephen, born July 23, 1885, died July 20, 1936. His first wife was May Kane and his second wife was Pearl Foster; Mary Cathern (Kate), born October 21, 1883, married Jesse Hammond; Nannie Elizabeth (Lizzie), born January 6, 1889, died November 2, 1954, married John William Van Meter; Jesse William, born April 6, 1893, died 1971; Thomas Chester, born June, 1909, married Opal Williams.

John Thomas was the son of George and Nancy Jane Ditto Russell. George Russell died circa 1860 in Kentucky and his widow brought her children to Missouri when Sam wanted to take her children from her. Mrs. Nancy Russell and her children came by boat, landing at "Liberty Landing", where Kansas City, Missouri, is now located. She took her family to Clay County, Missouri, where they lived for many years.

Nancy Jane Ditto Russell was born May 20, 1826, in Kentucky, died July 16, 1924, at Yale, Oklahoma, Pane County, and her children were: James Madison Russell, born August 13, 1847, married January 8, 1876, at Aubry, Kansas, Eliza Ellen Reynolds, born December 28, 1857, died April 10, 1940; Ditto, born June 7, 1848, Henry County, Kentucky, died March 7, 1930, in Harrisonville, married Mattie Bowen; Joseph, born June 8, 1851, died October 10, 1898; Amanda (Mandy), born February 28, 1853, died November 3, 1943, married John William Russell, her cousin; Georgia, born January 10, 1860, died November 3, 1943, married John Baber; John Thomas, born June 10, 1860, died January 6, 1945, married April 21, 1881, to Lydia Ann Calloway, born December 11, 1866, died April 17, 1937.

George Russell was the son of Sam Russell, a tobacco farmer near Louisville, Henry County, Kentucky. He owned many acres of land and had many negro slaves. He was married three times. By his first wife he had three sons, but names of only two of them are known, John William and Ike. By his second wife he had three sons, but names of only two of them are known, George Russell, whose wife was Nancy Ditto, and Robert Russell, whose wife was Lera Ditto, sister of Nancy. By his third wife he had two sons and one daughter.

John Thomas Russell married Lydia Ann Calloway March 21, 1882, at King City, Missouri. Lydia Ann Calloway was the daughter of Stephen and Nancy Calloway. Stephen Calloway was born in Monroe County, Missouri, July 29, 1838. He married Nancy Courtney August 5, 1860. They had four children, Katie, who died in infancy; Lydia Ann, Jim, Willis, and an orphan son, Willis Reeves.

MOSES RUTT

Six daughters and one son of Moses and Mary E. Rutt of Lancaster, Pennsylvania came to Cass County. The name is also spelled Root in some records.

Elizabeth married Isaac Greaser (born in Wayne Co., Ohio, 1831, died Nov. 13, 1891) in August 1856. Children: Amandus, Sarah A., Fradia (buried in Wayne Co., Ohio, March 25, 1917), Henry, Emma. Amandus married Laura Bell Gatz (May 17, 1861-Oct. 28, 1920) on Dec. 1, 1881. Children: Charles Fay, William Harlen, Ada Ethel (died in infancy) and an adopted daughter, Mary. They were members of Evangelical Church, Zion. This family lived in Elkhart, Kansas. Sarah (Nov. 3, 1859-Aug. 31, 1933) married Rufus A. Kenagy on Dec. 16, 1877. They were charter members of Bethel Mennonite Church and were born near Wooster, O. Children: Bessie May married Joe Garber; Alvin married Anna Schrock; Edwin married Nellie Martin; Urvin married Maude Gross; Owen married Lydia Schrock, all of Garden City. Henry (1869-Sept. 11, 1892) married Ellen Plank in 1890. Children: Charles and Ursula, Emma (died at 9 months, Jan. 30, 1874); John R. (1864-Jan. 16, 1886). Bessie buried in Colorado Springs; Henry, Emma, Elizabeth, Isaac, Sarah, Rufus, Alvin, Anna, Edwin, Nellie, Urvin and Maude are all buried in Clearfork Cemetery, Cass Co. Lydia is buried in Illinois. Elizabeth, born in Pennsylvania moved to Wayne Co., Ohio with her parents and came to Cass County in 1866. She died May 3, 1901.

Catherine married Daniel Reitz. Came to Cass County before 1870. She was born 1843 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and died Jan. 25, 1888; buried in Clearfork Cemetery, Cass County. Children: Mary, John, Elizabeth, Henry, Ola, William and Charles. Daniel is buried in Miami, Oklahoma. Elizabeth married Clenhouse and is buried in Clearfork Cemetery. Mary died March 1886 and is buried in Clearfork Cemetery.

Anna married David W. Weaver (1843-1913), born in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was born in Lancaster Co., Pa. Children: Henry, Joseph, Moses, David (buried at Nampa, Idaho March 19, 1927), John, Martha, Mary, Annie. David and Anna are buried in Clearfork Cemetery.

Mary married Seth Hertzler, son of Joseph and Fanny Kauffman, of Amish faith in Wayne Co., Ohio. Mary was born June 26, 1835, died Aug. 11, 1919. Seth, born Feb. 17, 1833, died March 13, 1910. Both are buried in Clearfork Cemetery, Cass Co., Mo. Children: Franklin (June 18, 1861-Jan. 14, 1927, unmarried and lived LaJunta Colorado); Henry Moses (Oct. 5, 1864-Nov. 1933, unmarried, lived in Grand Canyon, Arizona); Joseph (Dec. 7, 1866-Sept. 14, 1868); Nancy Ellen born in Wooster, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1869-March 29, 1943. She married Christian T. Kauggman, son of Christian and Barbara Hooley of Garden City. (C. T.'s first wife was Annie Shepp, daughter of Norman and Leah Rutt, of Garden City.) Mary E. (Sept. 24, 1871-Jan. 15, 1894 was unmarried and was buried in Clearfork Cemetery. John William (Dec. 1, 1874-Nov. 21, 1947, LaJunta, Colorado); Charles Edward (June 1, 1877 Wooster, Ohio), married Jeanette Olmstead, of Whitten, Iowa.

Fannie married Daniel Hough (born in Wayne Co., Ohio Sept. 7, 1839, son of David and Mary Hough of Pennsylvania). They came to Cass County in 1865. Children: William E., Mary E., Clara M., Emma C., Fretta M., Henry E., Johnnie E., Samuel E., Ida A., Hattie B., Daniel Irvin.

Leah married Norman Shepp, only son of John Shepp of Harrisonburg, York County, Pa., Born June 6, 1848, died March 23, 1927. In 1866 he went to Wooster, Ohio where he was married to Leah Rutt in 1868. They moved to Garden City in 1879. Leah (1845-July 22, 1893) was born in Lancaster, Co., Pa. Children: Henry (1871-1927) married Sadie, buried in Garden City; Emma married W. E. Dewiler, and lived in Harper, Kansas; Anna married Christian T. Kauffman, buried in Clearfork Cemetery; Norman, buried in Garden City.

Son: The name of this son is unknown to the writer. He was the father of Foster and Moses Rutt of Latour, Missouri.

The R. W. Sloan Family about 1909, taken at the family homeplace northeast of Pleasant Hill.

The Beckerdite Family: John, Mary, Percy, Dora, Ralph and Bertha.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harbison with their grandchildren in Belton about 1916.

Dr. H. A. Brierly of Peculiar in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Buckner Peterson.

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in 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Phillips of Pleasant Hill.

Columbus and Rosa Moore, grandparents of Mrs. Oren Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Suddarth on their wedding day, Sept. 1, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Sulser.

PERRY M. SANDERS

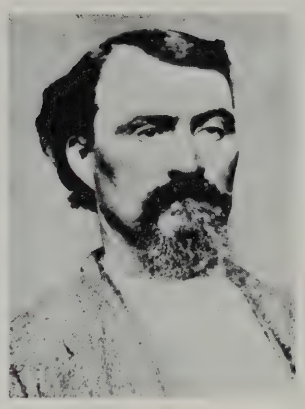
Perry M. and Mildred L. (Morris) Sanders and family moved to Peculiar in 1946. They first lived 2 miles north of Peculiar on their first farm and in 1951 they moved to a farm 2½ miles northwest of Peculiar. The original home was completely remodeled by Mr. Sanders and his sons and sons-in-law and still stands. It sits atop a hill on YY Hiway, here is where Mr. Sanders would sit at the kitchen table and look out over the countryside. This is the farm home that was known to the grandchildren and neighbors as the "Big House" and was loved so dearly by Mr. Sanders. They remained in this area until 1971 when they moved to the A. L. Thomas farm 6½ miles south of Peculiar. They lost this home in a fire in 1973. A new home was built where Perry and Midge lived until Mr. Sanders passed away on March 24, 1976, at the age of 74. They had been married 55 years.

Mr. Sanders was a plumber by trade as was his father before him and his three brothers. In 1957 he opened the doors of the "Perry Sanders Plumbing and Heating Co." in Belton, Mo. His shop has done the plumbing (all or partial) on the Midway, Ray-Pec, Harrisonville, Drexel, Archie, Belton and Pleasant Hill Schools. Most of his sons, sons-in—law and grandsons are in the plumbing business. His shop is now being operated by his son, Perry Lee Sanders.

Mrs. Sanders has worked for the Peculiar Elementary and the old Peculair High School over the past years. She is presently employed at the Peculiar elementary and is known as "Grandma" to all the children. Mrs. Sanders also ran the old drug store in Peculiar for a few years. She was very active in the community in years past and is active in social clubs now.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders' three daughters and their husbands, Bernice and Joe Sterling, Mary Jane and Rex Penrose, Juanita and William Hayden and their two sons, Perry Lee and Larry moved to Peculiar at the same time as their parents. The Sanders along with their two sons engaged in both dairy and beef cattle operations over the years. Perry Lee married Louise Ash and Larry married Sharon Snow. They built homes adjoining the farm home north west of town as did their three sisters and families. The Sanders have 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. All the grand and great—grandchildren but one were born in Cass County and all of the Sanders family lives in Cass County.

Perry Marshall Sanders was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma on July 7, 1901 and Mildred Lillian Morris was born in Horton, Kansas on March 25, 1903 they were married on July 21, 1920. The descendants of Perry and Mildred Sanders are: Children — Joe and Bernice Sterling, Rex and Mary Jane Penrose, William and Juanita Hayden, Perry Lee and Louise Sanders, Larry and Sharon Sanders; Grandchildren — J. R. and Connie (Penrose) Branic, Ken and Judy (Sterling) Mages, Jack and Kay (Hayden) Dorflinger, Bernie and Jo Ann (Sterling) Wyman, Rex and Diane Penrose, Larry Jay and Chris Sanders, Craig Hayden, Karen, Shari, Johnny, Rhonda, Mark and Michael Sanders; Great-grandchildren — Cindy, Chelie, Chris Branic, Danny Wyman, Robyn Mages, David and Randy Dorflinger, Brett and Beth Penrose.



THOMAS SAULTZ

Thomas Saultz was born December 25, 1826 in Rose County, Ohio. In 1854 he married Martha Clarissa Odell, also born in Rose County Ohio. (March 22, 1838-May 24, 1918) They made their home in Sangamon County and Logan County, Illinois for about twenty five years and their six children were born there. Thomas and Clarissa migrated to Cass County in 1880 with four of their children. They came by train to St. Louis and by covered wagon to Belton, Mo. Thomas settled his family on a farm in north Union Township. He built his home with lumber he hauled from the F. H. Marshall stone and lumber mill in Pleasant Hill. He died April 5, 1887 leaving the duties of the farm to his youngest son, James Edward. His children and their descendents are as follows.

Emza Ann: born January 29, 1855 in Sangamon Co. Ill. Died March 1931. Married John W. Ray on March 5, 1855, Springfield, Ill. Their children were Charles W. Ray, Ollie Ray Hockaday and Edith Ray Parrish. She had moved to Cass Co. about the same time as her parents.

George Washington: born November 26, 1857 in Logan Co. Ill. Died June, 1934. There were two children, George and Sadie. George stayed on in Illinois when the family moved to Missouri.

Sara Jane: born January 8, 1860, in Sangamon Co. Ill. Died in Belton March 5, 1938. She married Matt Shelton and lived most of their life in Belton. There were no children.

Alfred Lincoln: born December 30, 1862 in Sangamon Co. Ill. Though he had come to Missouri with his parents, he and his wife, Lucy, settled in Aurora, Mo. where he died, childless. He was a prospector and miner.

Charles Oscar: born February 18, 1866 in Sangamon Co. Ill. He came to Cass Co. with his parents at the age of fourteen. He married Nellie Davidson of Harrisonville and moved to Springfield, Mo. In 1917 he moved his family to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he died in January, 1941. His children are Lena Emiline Wilhoit (1889), Charles Lee (1890), Zella Pearl Bard (1894-1969), Sadie Isabel Saultz (1897—1952), Nellie Mae Swanson (1900-1952), and Georgia Jean Searle (1906-).

James Edward: born September 26, 1867 in Sangamon Co. Ill. He moved to Cass Co. with the family when he was twelve. After his Father's death in 1887 he stayed on the home place and looked after his Mother and the farm, following his Father's profession of stock raising and farming. In 1887, he married Lizzie Matilda Woke (1881-1959), daughter of Peter and Gertrude Woke who lived on a neighboring farm. There were four children.

The first was Edith Loraine (1898) who married Soloman Searcy Fitzgerald. Their children are Lila May Johnson, Leona Gilby Uttinger, Mildred Poffer Hugil, and Rosa Bunger Breeden.

The second, a son, Edward Oral was born in 1906. May 11, 1928 he married Annie Marie Schriever, who was born in Sanborn, North Dakota. They raised their nine children on a farm just east of the farm settled by Thomas Saultz. Ed and Annie's children are James Edward who married Norma Jean Hunter of Mt. Vernon, Mo. They live in Pasadena, Texas with their three sons, James Edward, Jr., Gregory Milton, and Troy Allen.

Patsy Sue married Ralph Minkler and their children are Becky Darna, Keviny, Roger Dean and Gail DeWayne.

Gerald Eugene married Greta Pioth of Ettlingen, Germany. Their only child, Margit, married John Harliman and had two sons, Raymond Eugene and Shawn Michael.

Gertrude Annette married Al Blankenship of Sedalia, Mo. They live in Blanding, Utah with their three children, Edward Carlton, Albert Dale and Angela Maie.

Ellen Rose married Thomas Hood of Cape Cod, Mass. They live in Great Falls, Montana with their two daughters, Tammie Marie and Robin Kay.

Robert Oral married Kathy Odell of K. C. Mo. Their children are Justine Fawn, Robert Vaughn and Melaine Carlene.

Barbara Marie is Robert Oral's twin. She married Fred Simmons of K. C. Mo. and their three daughters are Kimberly Marie, Dawn Rene and Stephanie Lynn.

Donald David married Peggy Starner, who brought a daughter, Terri Lynn, to this marriage. They also have a son, David Gerald. Terrie June (1949-1971) married Gene Duorssettee. They had two children, Melissa Marie and Edward Gene.

James and Matilda's third child, a son, Chester Earl was born December 5, 1913. He spent many months in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1950 he married Calla Miller Bolling. They have two sons. Richard Dennis who has four children, Richard Lee, Kelly Mathew, Jody Linn, and Mindy Sue. The other son is Timothy Wayne.

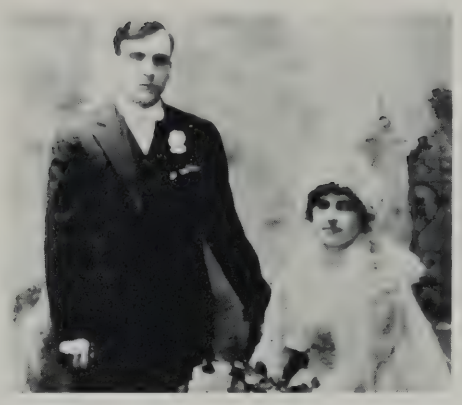
The fourth, a daughter, Gertrude Clarissa was born in 1921. Her husband, Harold (Boots) Oliver, was killed in action January 1, 1945 in Belgium. She later married David G. Evans. There were no children.

CHARLIE AND SAM SCAVUZZO

Santo (Charlie) born January 13, 1887 and Salvatore (Sam) born July 13, 1879 were sons of Cosmo and Ida Scavuzzo of Gangi Palermo, Sicily. They came to the United States in 1904, arriving in New Orleans. In spite of language difficulties they found work in sugar cane fields in Louisiana and later in Hattiesburg, Miss. at lumber mills. They moved on from job to job to Wyoming working on the railroads and finally to Kansas City where they visited a sister they had not seen for a long time. They found work in packing plants and also learned to make candy commercially.

Sam and Anna Mathes (born November 8, 1892) daughter of Frank and Barbara (Bichelmeyer) Mathes, were married August 29, 1912 in Kansas City, Kansas where her parents has established their home after emigrating from Germany.

Charlie and Rachel Maria (Maggie) Maturo, daughter of Paul Anthony and Faustina Maturo were married in 1914. Paul Anthony Maturo helped start the Kansas City Market.



Mr. and Mrs. Santo Scavuzzo.

Sam and Charlie decided to sell a small business they owned in Kansas City in 1922 and move to Harrisonville where they opened the Candy Kitchen. Charlie and Maggie had four children then — Cosmo, Ida, Faustina and baby Anthony, so Sam, Annie and Charlie ran the store. They soon added a soda fountain and later a stock of fresh fruit and vegetables and a small stock of groceries. In 1935 Cosmo had finished High School and joined the firm as manager and Scavuzzo's Super Market was started.

Three more sons were born to Charlie and Maggie in Harrisonville — Salvatore, Luke and Joseph. Sam and Annie had no children of their own and enjoyed the love and respect of their nieces and nephews. Each of these children helped in the business as soon as they were old enough to be of assistance. Each of the boys served their country in Military service during World War II and after.

Charles bought Sam and Annie's interest in the store in 1941 and Annie retired but Sam continued to help. By 1946 the store was expanded and remodeled and in 1957 when a new Super Market was built on Highway 71, Cosmo, Anthony and Joe moved to the new market and Salvatore, Luke and Charlie were left uptown to run the store. Charlie and Sam had removed their names from the payroll but continued to give their help and enjoyed meeting and visiting with their customers.

In 1958 Rachel Maria Scavuzzo passed away and Sam died in 1963.

During 1962 Charlie made a visit to his birthplace, the first since he left it in 1904. He took 3 granddaughters with him — Dena and Toni Lynn Scavuzzo and Sonta Lee Anderson.

Charlie was honored at a reception celebrating his 84th birthday at the Bob Johnson Appliance Center in January 1973. The following November 13, 1973 he died after an illness of several months. The 7 children of Charlie and Maggie are: Cosmo, born May 19, 1916 married Rosemary Conger, March 12, 1941. They have 4 daughters — Dena, Karla, Teresa and Angela; Ida, born July 8, 1918 married Glenn W. Cummins who died in 1966. She and Louisa Clement operate a beauty shop started in 1954; Faustina, born June 19, 1921 married first Benjamin Wesley Anderson, June 1, 1940. Wesley died in 1950. They had one daughter Sonta Lee. Faustina married Olan Thrasher November 15, 1954; Anthony, born October 28, 1922 married Betty Russell of Pleasant Hill on February 4, 1942. They have one daughter, Toni Lynn and one son, David; Salvatore born February 17, 1926 married Hazel Lucile Lathrop Aug. 4, 1948. They have two sons Mark and Greg; Luke born January 11, 1928 married Gwendolyn

Hendryx, Aug. 15, 1948, they have two daughters, Nicola and Lisa and one son, Luke, Jr.; Joseph, born January 28, 1930 married Bonnie Noland in 1953. They have one son Christopher and one daughter Regina.

PAUL APOLOS SCHINDORFF

Paul Apolos Schindorff was born Feb. 15, 1822 in the city of Forbre, France. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Schindorff and one sister, Barbara. His parents died at the ages of 110 and 112 years.

He was a silk weaver in the silk mills, which are located on the outer edge of Paris, France. He said, "By holding the gold threads with his teeth for weaving into the silk material, he lost his front teeth." He left France in 1856 and came to the United States during the Civil War. After a service of 3½ years as a soldier of the Southern Confederacy, he was discharged.

On October 1, 1866 at Knob Noster, Mo., Paul Apolos Schindorff and Cornelia Frances Deal were married. They were the parents of ten children; two dying at an early age, Junetta and Emile. Minnie married Benjamin Moore, their children: Beulah Moore (married Frank Newman), Grace Moore married Elmer Garrett and Jesse Moore married Nora Garrett.

Anna Mae Schindorff married Robert William Warner, their children: Hazel Warner (married Robert Earl Nichols), Minnie Lorene Warner (married Allen Wood). John Paul Warner died from a car accident on Sept. 28, 1927. William Warner died Jan. 25, 1926. Alice Frances Warner married William Herman Schader on Aug. 10, 1926. Hattie Mae Warner married Leslie Bury June 16, 1937, Lilyan Warner is a teacher in Kansas City. Lolita Warner died Jan. 23, 1955 in Manila and was buried there. Paul Eugene Schindorff married Bessie Garvey, their children: Viole Mae Schindorff married George Brady and Mildred Frances Schindorff married Lawrence Young.

Julius Howard married Flora Gertrude Roupe, their children: Thomas Paul Schindorff married Goldie Ann Burden. Mary Frances Schindorff married Luther Hollis Dale.

Estella Mae Schindorff married Jess Leroy Braden. Minnie Adelia married Fred Suter. Julius Hubert Schindorff married Sue Talbert. Second marriage to Dorothy Jewell Bryant. George William Schindorff married Lela Voris, their children: Wilma E. Schindorff (married Charles Swink), Teresa Schindorff, died at birth. Lillian Deal Schindorff (married Joseph Hassler), their daughter: OnaBelle Hassler (married Syranus Gray).

Herman Schindorff married Edna Schader, their daughter: Marjorie Jane (married Loren Alley). Benjamin Clay Schindorff married Minnie Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Apolos Schindorff spent their lifetime on their farm near East Lynne, Mo. in Cass County. "Uncle Paul", as most people called him quarried rock from his farm, which was used for foundations under most homes. He gave the rocks for the Germantown School and the churches in East Lynne. They were also used in bridges. He grew many varieties of fruit on the farm and shared with all. As he grew older, a daily walk was taken to each of his children's homes, all being located within three miles of the parental home.

J. HAROLD SCHMIDT

During the fall of 1951, J. Harold and Eva E. Schmidt purchased a farm located one-half mile north of 58 highway on Kentucky Avenue in Raymore from Charles (Red) Bird and moved there with their four children. The three daughters, Mrs. Denny Lorenz, Mrs. Carlene LaBoueff and Mrs. Barbara Beachner, and one son, Jack Schmidt, were all active through the years in school functions and 4H activities. In 1959, the George W. Seba farm at 163rd and Kentucky was purchased and it is now the residence of the senior Schmidts. Son Jack, his wife and daughter live on the home place. Harold Schmidt is a partner in the Kansas City Livestock Company at the stockyards.

DAVID M. SCHROCK

David M. Schrock was born near Smithville, Ohio on March 21, 1870. He is thought to be the descendant of Casper Schrock who came to America from Switzerland about 1741.

David Schrock came to Cass County in 1891. In the spring of 1892 he began working for Levi D. Zook as a farm hand. Mr. Zook lived in the Gunn City-East Lynne area.

On Feb. 12, 1893, David Schrock married Susana Diener whose family had settled in Hickory County, Missouri in 1869. Following their marriage the Schrocks lived on a farm three miles southwest of Garden City. This farm was owned by Jonathan Famuliner who employed David as a farm hand for two years.

In the spring of 1895 the Schrocks purchased their first farm about three miles southwest of Garden City. David's outlay to begin farming consisted of a team of black horses, a wagon, a walking plow, a harrow and a single row cultivator. The total cost was about $200.

In the fall of 1904 the Schrocks sold their farm to Mr. Fred Fischer from Illinois, for $65 per acre. That fall, David Schrock bought the John Kauffman farm three miles northwest of Garden City for the unheard of price of $80 per acre. Ten years later more land was purchased to make the farm a total of 200 acres of good farming and pasture land.

Mr. Schrock was one of the first in the community to apply commercial fertilizer to the land. In 1914 he became a dealer for V.C. fertilizers, and sold all over southeastern Cass County for forty years, his son Albert working in partnership in later years.

In addition to general farming, David became interested in fruit farming. By 1925 the Schrock Orchard had grown to 18 acres supplying apples, peaches, cherries, Early Gold Plums, and strawberries to many satisified customers.

David and Susana Schrock had eight children all attending the Clearfork County School and all earning an eighth grade diploma. David and Susana Schrock were members of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church near Garden City.

Susana Schrock died on May 3, 1936 at the age of 68. David Schrock died on June 10, 1956 at the age of 86. Both are buried at the Clearfork Cemetery 4½ miles northwest of Garden City.

The home farm remained in the hands of the Schrock Family until 1962. Today it is known as the Chester Yoder Farm.

The children of David M. and Susana Diener Schrock are: 1. Alice Elizabeth (Nov. 27, 1893-April 14, 1976). Unmarried, worked in the nursing profession until 1965. 2. Clara May (Dec. 27, 1895-). Married Elby R. Yoder on Jan. 1, 1920. 3. Ada Pearl (Dec. 12, 1897-). Married Jesse D. Hartzler on Feb. 12, 1922. 4. Earl Jay Schrock (March 27, 1900-March 31, 1921). Unmarried. 5. Mary Ann (Nov. 26, 1902-). Unmarried. Retired from the Cass Co. Memorial Hospital Houskeeping staff in 1974. 6. Lawrence Allen (Oct. 7, 1905-). Married Carrie Rebecca Zook on Oct. 18, 1930. Carrie Rebecca died March 2, 1974. L. A. Schrock married Lydia A. Zook on April 10, 1975. 7. Florence Ellen (Oct. 7, 1905-). Married Christy P. Yoder on Feb. 9, 1929. 8. Albert Ray (March 18, 1909-). Married Erma King on April 16, 1933. Erma died on July 12, 1966. Albert R. married Katherine Miller McCarthy on Aug. 13, 1967.

JACOB B. SCHROCK

Jacob B. Schrock, son of the late John D. and Mary Ursula Sproal Schrock, was born April 30, 1844, in Elkhart County, Indiana. He was married to Elizabeth S. Peachey, daughter of Christian and Maria Beiler Peachey of Belleville, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1865.

In 1868 they moved west, locating near Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and in 1869, to the old homesite near Garden City, known as "Pine Grove Stock and Poultry Farm," where they lived the remainder of their lives. They lived in a log house for several years until Jacob could build the house, using lumber from his own timber.

They were among the first pioneers of Mennonites in Cass County, Missouri, and charter members of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. He was interested in music and served as songleader during the early years of the church.

Jacob B. and Elizabeth became parents of four children; a son and a daughter dying in infancy, Lydia Katherine, who married J. Ami Miller and Ida Theresa, who married Oliver J. Plank. Both daughters are now deceased.

He became an authority on bee culture, at one time having more than one hundred colonies of bees. He was a breeder of fancy chickens, his special breed being the Barred Rock. His exhibits won many ribbons and trophies. He also acted as judge in many shows.

In the late 1890's and 1900 he founded the Clearfork Telephone Company.

Jacob loved good horses, both draft and driving, and always drove a beautiful high spirited horse.

He became one of the first owners of a car.

Uncle Jake and Aunt Lizzie, as they were known to many, visited the sick and the aged and gave to the needy. Elizabeth was especially talented in caring for the sick and gave much of her time and energy in that capacity.

Being of a sunny disposition with a ready smile, softly spoken words, and a keen wit, it was not difficult for Jacob to make many friends with both young and old. During the last years of his life, even though bedfast, he never complained and continued his interest in singing, writing poetry and in the welfare of the church and the events of the times. He never grew old, in spite of the fact that he was near 93 when he passed to his reward on January 11, 1937. His wife had preceded him on December 15, 1928.

JOHN B. SCHROCK

John B. Schrock, son of John D. and Mary Ursula Sproal Schrock was born in Middlebury, Indiana May 30, 1852 and died in Garden City, Missouri May 23, 1926. He married Fannie Yost in Fairbury, Nebraska, October 28, 1881. Fannie Schrock died June 16, 1933. They were the parents of five children: Ema Elizabeth, Cora Ada, Edna Mable, Elva LaVerne and Harold Leon. Ema Elizabeth Schrock was born June 29, 1883. She married Arthur Levi Kaup January 4, 1904 in Western, Nebraska. He died January 20, 1956 in Whittier, California.

Cora Ada Schrock was born June 27, 1888. She married Clyde Elmer Jones November 15, 1913 in Kansas City, Missouri. He died August 8, 1956. They were the parents of one daughter, Dana Virginia.

Dana Virginia Jones was born March 17, 1916 and died March 17, 1950. She married Keith J. Holdsworth in Garden City, Missouri April 17, 1938. They were the parents of three sons: James Temple, John Clyde, and David Keith.

James Temple Holdsworth was born July 10, 1941 in Wichita, Kansas. He married Cara Sue Mooneyham in Smithville, Missouri February 14, 1960. They are the parents of four children. Lloyd Keith born September 24, 1960, and Kenneth Randolph, born October 20, 1962; John Laurence, born October 28, 1961 and Dana JoAnn, born March 18, 1964.

Clyde John Holdsworth was born November 4, 1943 at Mission, Kansas. He married Janice Helen Schaff on November 30, 1965. They were the parents of two children: Chad John, born September 8, 1943 and Angela Marie, born September 8, 1970. Clyde John Holdworth married Vickie Lynn Benjamin on March 27, 1974.

David Keith Holdsworth was born December 24, 1947 in Kansas City, Kansas. He married Audrey Meadow on June 10, 1969.

Edna Mable Schrock was born February 14, 1894 in Garden City, Missouri. She married Redmond Henry Breed June 30, 1917 in Garden City, Missouri. They were the parents of three children: J. R., Charles Harold and John William. (For their birth date and issue see Redmond Henry Breed).

Elva LaVerne Schrock was born March 11, 1899 in Garden City, Missouri. She married Homer Wallace Strong September 1, 1939 in Powell, Wyoming. Homer W. died March 22, 1954, burial in Garden City Cemetery.

Harold Leon Schrock was born September 26, 1904. He married Louise Stubbs June 2, 1936 in Canoga Park, California. She died October 28, 1958 in Canoga Park, California.

Harold Leon Schrock married Stella Thomas June 8, 1961 in Canoga Park, California.

JOHN D. SCHROCK

John D. Schrock was born November 14, 1819 in Elkhart County, Indiana. He married Mary Ursula Sproal May 14, 1843. She was born October 21, 1824; the daughter of Wendel

and Walburga Sproal and came to the United States in the spring of 1833 from Baden-Baden, Germany. It took them three months to come across the ocean in a sailboat.

After their marriage John operated a sawmill and farmed in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Their oldest son, Jacob B., and his wife moved to Cass County in 1868. Six years later Jacob learned that the farm just across the road from his was for sale. He immediately contacted his parents and as a result John D. and Mary Ursula Schrock moved to Cass County, Missouri, purchasing the farm in 1874.

They were parents of nine children; six of these moved with the parents. They were Lydia, wife of Daniel Buerge, Noah J., John B., Daniel J., Amanda, wife of Forest H. Allison, and Emma, wife of Peter G. Klopfenstein.

It was on this farm they reared their younger children. She died in 1903 and he in 1910. Both are buried in the Clearfork Cemetery.

Descendents of five of their children are still living in Cass County.

NOAH J. SCHROCK

Noah J. Schrock, second son of John D. and Mary Ursula (Sproal) Schrock, was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, March 29, 1850. He was a devoted Christian and a member of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. A versatile man, he engaged in farming and carpentry, and for several years, operated a grocery and variety store in Garden City, Missouri. Also, together with his younger brother, he engaged in the grocery business. For some years he operated a repair shop for farm equipment. In his retirement years he did furniture repairing.

He married Mary J. Plank, October 18, 1875, and their married life extended to over 54 years 'til her death in 1930. He died in 1935. For most of their lives they lived in the home community of Cass County, Missouri. In their last several years, they lived with their daughter, Mamie Pearl, and husband in Kansas City, Kansas. They had 6 children: (1) David N. — 1877-1963. He married May DeAtley, who died in 1911. He then married Virginia MacMurray, who died in 1969. (2) John E. — 1879-1949, married Nan Lynn in 1902. She died in 1909. They had 4 children: Earnest — 1902, Everett — 1904-1952, Mrs. Pearl Morris — 1905, Gwin — 1908-1909. John then married Marguerite Lynn in 1910, who died in 1974. They had 7 children: Mrs. Edith Laningham — 1910, Marguerite — 1913-1916, John Edward — 1919, Mrs. Mary Louise Ames — 1923-1969, James Lynn — 1926, Noah William — 1928, Raymond (Soūny) — 1933. (3) Ira B. — 1881-1922, married Delia Decker in 1905, who died in 1959. They had 1 daughter, Mr. Lola June DeHart — 1910. (4) Laura Ann — 1884-1930. In 1901, she married Arthur Herwig, who died in 1932. They had 2 sons: Herman — 1902-1974, Clarence — 1904-1938. (5) Nancy Ellen — 1888-1890. (6) Mamie Pearl — 1896, married Edward Yoder in 1917. Their 3 children are: Mrs. Ruby Willadene Shank — 1914, David DeWayne — 1930, Mrs. Miriam Edwina Adams — 1935.

Besides their 6 children, the Noah J. Schrocks had 17 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren and a number of great, great grandchildren.

WILBUR B. SCHROCK

Wilbur B. Schrock has resided in this area all of his life. He is a member of the John D. Schrock family who came from Indiana to Cass County in 1868. John D. Schrock and his sons, Jacob B. and Daniel J. (grandfather of Wilbur) were extensive land owners in Index Township for many years and after their deaths the land was owned by the third and fourth generations of the Schrock families.

Wilbur was born near Garden City, Mo. on May 17, 1910, the youngest child of J. Harvey and Amanda (Helmuth) Schrock. Amanda came to Cass County with her family by covered wagon from Hickory County, Mo. in 1883. The other children of the family were J. Floyd, deceased 1966, and Mrs. Reuben (Ruth) Yoders, Harrisonville, Mo. The father of the family died when his children were young, so by hard work, good management and the cooperation of her children, the mother was able to rear their children to adulthood. Wilbur received his education at the Marshall School and in "the school of experience."

Most of his life was spent on the farm. He had a special love for good livestock. He owned and bred saddle horses, Belgian draft horses, and Angus cattle with a goal of continually improving his herds. He was one of the first hybrid seed corn salesmen of this area spending seven years as sales supervisor over fifteen counties in Missouri for Gaut & Thomas Hybrid Corn Co. of Coon Rapids, Ia. and the Kellogg Corn Co. of St. Joseph, Mo. For five years he and the Kellogg Corn Co. owned and operated a frozen food locker plant in Garden City. Most of their lives the two brothers were in a farming partnership.

Iona was born August 26, 1915, second daughter of Ira and Martha (Yoder) Hartzler. Ira Hartzler was a well known auctioneer in Cass County 1912-1952 and a member of the John J. Hartzler family who moved to Cass County in 1880. John J. Hartzler was a minister and bishop of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church 1894-1914. Martha's grandparents, the Reuben Yoders, settled near East Lynne, Mo., 1867. The Ira Hartzlers were parents of Mrs. Floyd (Bernice) Schrock, a son who died in infancy, Iona, and Mrs. Ralph (Vera) Rushly.

Iona was a member of the 1932 graduating class of Garden City High School. She was married on Sept. 5, 1936 to Wilbur Schrock. The couple has been active in church, interested in 4-H and school activities as well as community betterment. They appreciated and enjoyed good music in their home. Wilbur was a member of a men's quartet which sang at many funerals and community functions.

The Schrocks are parents of two daughters, Mrs. James (Janet) Zook and Mrs. Franklin (Leta) Bontrager both residing in Denver, Colo. Janet is a busy housewife and mother as well as an LPN. Her husband is a draftsman at Maneheim. Leta is a music teacher in the Arapahoe County public schools. Her husband is emloyed by Western Laboratories. There are three grandchildren, Jana and Joanne Zook and Jeffrey Bontrager.

Presently the Schrocks live in Garden City where Wilbur owns and operates an antique shop spending much time in repairing, refinishing and restoring of antique furniture.

CHARLES A. SCHUG

Charles Schug was born 1878 at Mechanicsville, Iowa. His father was Whittlesy G. Schug, who had come to Iowa from Easton, Pennsylvania. His mother was Mary Stewart. Charles Schug's grandfather was Henry P. Schug, who came to this country from Scotland shortly after the Civil War. In about 1890, the parents of Charles Schug moved to Brown County, and it was there in 1903 that he married Bertha L. Brown. Charles and Bertha started farming on a rented farm east of Sabetha and it was here their first child, Thelma, was born early in 1906.

Later the family moved to Payette, Idaho. Here, their second child, Julian, was born in 1907, and later, their third child, Edward, arrived in 1909. In the spring of 1910, they came back to Missouri and rented a farm near Coleman. Here, the fourth child, Leone, was born in 1911. In 1912 they purchased a farm north of Freeman and lived there until 1919 when they moved to Peculiar. Charles Schug obtained employment of various kinds in Peculiar, including work in a small hardware store, which he later purchased. He and Gil Palmer built and operated the first filling station to go up on the new 71 Highway in Peculiar. Mr. Schug served two terms as Mayor of Peculiar, 1920 to 1924.

In 1922 the fifth child, Ivan, was born. At the time of the birth of this child, Mrs. Schug died. Mr. Schug's sister took the baby into her home at Fairview, Kansas. The older girl, Thelma, took over the care of the home until she entered college at Warrensburg. She later taught school at Thorn-Grove. Julian secured work at the Hill and Trog Chevrolet Garage, and then went to work for the Brown Brothers Bus Line. Ed spent his summers working for his Grandfather Schug on a farm at Sabetha, Kansas, and in the winter he secured work as janitor at the local bank. After graduating from high school, he went to work full time with the Cass County Bank. The younger daughter, Leone, assisted in taking care of the home until her graduation from high school in 1928, when she went to California to live with her sister, Thelma, who had married and moved there.

In 1928 Charles Schug married Mrs. Julia Parker of Kansas City, who came into this home with her small daughter, Edna Marie. Edna Marie is now Mrs. Herbert White and lives in Michigan.

In 1937 the health of Mr. Schug was not good, and he moved to California. He died there in 1938, at age 59 years.

The older daughter, Thelma, is now Mrs. Wert Clyde and lives at San Leandro, California. She is the mother of three girls and one son, all married. Julian died in 1964. At the time of his death, he was vice-president of the Crown Coach Company at Joplin. He left his wife, Dorothy, one daughter, one son and two grandchildren. Ed lives at Peculiar with his wife, Helen, one son, and one daughter. He continues to work at the local bank, where he is now president. Leone is now Mrs. Larry Ross and lives at Hemet, California. She is the mother of one son and one daughter, both married. Ivan, a Navy pilot, was killed in World War II in 1944, at age 21 years.

CARL AUGUST SCHULZ

Carl August Schulz, son of Carl Henry and Elizabeth Schulz was born in Germany in 1865. His parents brought their family of five children to the United States in 1871, first settled in south-eastern Nebraska, in Nemaha, Pawnee and Johnson Counties.

There Carl August grew up and in 1890 married Nannie Niona Crile, daughter of Michael M. and Katherine Schumann Crile. The Criles were originally from Ireland. Carl A. and Nannie came to Cass County in 1904. Six children were born in Nebraska and two more in Cass County, near Harrisonville, Mo.

Carl August was a farmer and stockman. He had united with the Lutheran Chruch in Nebraska, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Freeman, Mo. Nannie was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Most of their children stayed in Cass County all their lives. Essie Viola married Fred Warren Davis; Grayce Doretta married George James Davis, brother of Fred; Carl Henry married Ethel Thompson and moved to Rantoul, Kansas; William Michael married Elsie Jeanetta Davis; Nellie Elizabeth married Claude Emery Yancey; Mayme Isabella married Willard Lee Davis, brother of Jeanette; and moved to Abilene, Kansas; Eva Louella married Elmer Ernest Anderson; and Lela Irene married Paul Shinkle and Lloyd Dobson.

Descendants still living in Cass County and surrounding area, in 1976 are:

Essie's daughter, Lela May, (Mrs. Willard Robert McGowan) who has five children; Robert E., Richard Lee, William Joseph, Mary Alice and Margaret Ann.

Grayce, a daughter of Carl August, lives west of Harrisonville, Mo.

William, a son of Carl August, lives in Peculiar, Mo., and has three children: Mildred Elaine, Robert Eugene, and William James.

Nellie's daughter, Alice Laverne (Mrs. James Downey) with two children: Gary and Linda Elaine.

Eva's son Loren Ernest Anderson, with three daughters: Peggy Lou, Lorna Sue, and Martha Elaine.

Lela Irene lives in Peculiar, Mo.

Nannie died in Harrisonville, Mo. Nov. 12, 1938 and was buried in the Freeman Cemetery. Carl August died in a house fire near Cleveland, Mo. Dec. 5, 1942. He was buried at Freeman, too.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SCOTT

Mr. Scott was born in Virginia. As an infant he was brought by his parents, Jonathan and Frances Stanfield Scott to Missouri. They traveled by covered wagon. He was orphaned at an early age.

George Washington Scott.

In March 1858 Mr. Scott married Susan Elanor March. They had three children — Mary Ella, John Walter and Fannie Lee. On September 1, 1886 Fannie Lee Scott was married to Robert Cowan Wilson of St. Louis.

Mr. Scott served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war was over he returned to Lees Summit.

Mr. William Colbern of Lee's Summit joined Mr. Scott at this time in the purchase of a piece of land from Mauzey Ashby who lived in Kentucky. This land was to become the site of Belton. The only descendent of Mr. Ashby living in this area is Mr. Barker Lane who is a great, great grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were active in the civic and social life of Belton. Mr. Scott was the first Worshipful Master of Belton Masonic Lodge 450. He gave the land to Belton for the erection of a City Hall. He also gave land to the Belton School District for two school houses. The Belton churches were also given land when they came to the town.

Mr. Scott had formed a partnership with Wallace March, his brother-in-law. They engaged in land, grain and cattle business. They also had the George W. Scott and Company Bank.

Mr. Scott had an inventive turn of mind. He invented the wheat drill, the corn planter and the blue grass stripper. These patents were sold to John Deere and Company.

Mr. Scott died at his Belton home on Scott Avenue June 10, 1922 and is buried in the Belton Cemetery.

ANDY JACKSON SEARS

Andy Jackson Sears (1868-1946), the eighth child of James Shumaker and Martha Jane (Thompson) Sears was born at West Union, Mo. He married Carrie Lou Boren (1869-1942), the daughter of Caroline Amelia (Dye) and Moses Francis Boren, on Aug. 31, 1896 at Belton, Mo. They were married by Dr. Moad, a medical Doctor and Presbyterian minister. Carrie's family settled in Cass Co. during the 1840's. She recorded the following concerning Order No. 11; "My father, Moses F. Boren, was a soldier in the Confederate Army from 1862 to 1865 when the war was ended. My mother's family with a neighbor's family, Col. William Whites, moved to Liberty, Mo. for safety. My mother, Carrie (Caroline) A. Dye, and Matilda White walked and drove their cattle through Kansas City. The Kansas Jayhawkers had stolen all the good animals my grandfather owned and all they had to haul their belongings was an old pony and a worn out horse. The Jayhawkers took the meat from the smokehouse, quilts, corn, wheat, machinery, — anything they could use. A Baptist preacher from Harrisonville helped the Jayhawkers steal our State Senator's father's saw mill and they took it to Kansas. The State Senator is C. S. Nelson of Freeman, Missouri. When the war closed, my people came home to find their home and barns burned." All their buildings were burned during Order No. 11, excepting one room of the house on the Dye farm, which was made of logs, and today is incorporated in the home later built by a son who had acquired the Dye homestead. President Truman's family lived one year in this house in 1886 when the President was 2 years old.

Andy Sears was a farmer, school teacher and merchant. He acquired his education in the Harrisonville High School and Chilicothe Normal School and taught school for 10 years which was 19 terms the way school was held in those days. A term was a three or four month period so the children could be home to help plant and harvest crops. He began teaching for $20 per month and the highest wage he received was $45 per month. He farmed to supplement the family income. They were members of the Belton Methodist Church. Andy and Carrie were the parents of three children: Lena Alene Sears (1897-1919); Paul Denzil Sears (1902-1958), married Eleanor Murphy of Coatesville, Pa. and they had one son, Lawrence Richard. Lawrence Richard Sears married Doris Jackson of Coatesville, Pa. and they have a son, Paul, and a daughter, Mary Ann. Paul Denzil served in the Navy from 1917 to 1921 on the USS Utah and USS Florida. Lawrence served in the Navy in World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Groh.

Paul Denzil is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado; Hazel Gaynelle Sears, born in 1910 at Decatur, Ark. while the family lived there briefly, married Howard Francis Groh, the son of William and Lura Etta (McAnnich) Groh, on Oct. 3, 1929. They live in the Belton community where Howard is retired from farming. He served in the 2nd U.S. Cavalry, Troop B in 1921. Howard and Hazel have two daughters, Joyce Jean and Ruby Lee. Joyce Jean Groh married Don Martin Rice of Raytown, Mo., and they have three children; Don Martin, Jr., Deborah Jean, and Elizabeth Ann. Joyce has a master's degree in education and teaches at Knob Noster, Mo. Don has a doctor's degree in education and teaches in CMST University, Warrensburg. He served in the USAF as a medic during some of the Korean conflict. Ruby Lee Groh married Paul Eugene Myers of Greentown, Indiana. They have four sons: David Gregory, who is serving in the U.S. Navy; Anthony Eugene; Lyle William and Dustin Dee. Paul served four years in the USAF during the Korean conflict.

CHARLES ROBERT SEARS

Charles Robert Sears, seventh child of James Shumaker and Martha Thompson Sears was born near Peculiar, Mo. Jan. 18, 1866. He was married to Laura Bell Williams on Aug. 3, 1897 and to this union three daughters were born; Opal L. Sears, Gladys L. Sears and Iva P. Sears. Charles and Laura were Methodist and spent their life in the Cleveland, Mo. area where he was a farmer and stockman. Charles died Sept. 11, 1951 and Laura died Dec. 24, 1963.

Opal L. Sears married Earl L. Young on Aug. 3, 1919 and they reside at Cleveland. They have a son, Lyle C. Young of Raytown, Mo. Lyle married Vivian LaVaun Lacy and they are parents of two sons, Stephen Ray and Don Alan. Stephen Ray Young married Donna Christine Hunt and they live in Kansas City, Missouri. Don Alan Young died May 13, 1972.

Gladys L. Sears married Frank A. Knight Nov. 1, 1922 and they reside at Nampa, Idaho.

Iva P. Sears married Richard Chiles Feb. 2, 1924 and they lived at Blytheville, Ark. They have two sons, Merlin S. Chiles of San Francisco, Calif., and James R. Chiles of Nashville, Tenn. who is married to Karen Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shumaker Sears.

JAMES HENRY SEARS

James Henry Sears, sixth child of James Shumaker and Martha Jane Thompson Sears was born October 13, 1863 in Miami County, Kansas, near Wagstaff, on Bull Creek. His father was a member of the Missouri Militia, and his mother had to leave Cass County, Missouri during the Civil War, complying with the infamous "Order No. 11". It was during this time away from their home south-west of Peculiar, that James was born. The family came back to Cass County to their farm, when that order was lifted.

His mother died when James was eleven years of age, leaving ten children, one only a month old. The eldest daughter, Nancy Louisa Sears (Mrs. John Hughes) Freeman, had the responsibility of rearing the children, with the help of two younger sisters.

James Henry worked on a threshing machine when only fifteen years old. One of the farms where he worked was owned by the father of the infamous "Dalton" boys, and he was their play-mate. That was located north of Maxwell (now Cleveland), near the small village of Jaudon.

As a young man of twenty-one, he went to Western Kansas to homestead, in Lane County. After nearly starving, he returned to Missouri. He also worked at the Indian Agency in Johnson County, Kansas.

When the Order No. 11 was lifted the family of Frederic and Arminta Ann Guartney Doll came to Cass County at the persuasion of their friends Samuel Henry and America Virginia Nordyke Lofland. Their sixth child, Emma Doll, born December 21, 1865 was to become the wife of James Henry on July 24, 1890.

They were married by the Rev. Ewing Bailey, Farmer and neighbor, in his yard. That farm later was owned by James brother, Charles Robert Sears. James and Emma lived on the farm a mile west of the then thriving village of West Union. They later built a new house between two older homes they had lived in, and raised their family of four children; Irl R., born October 18, 1891; James Arleigh, born February 3, 1893; Harry D., born July 9, 1894; and Jessie Pearl, born September 29, 1896.

James and Emma were charter members of the Union Hill Methodist Church at West Union. The Church building was later moved to Maxwell (now Cleveland) and called the Cleveland Methodist Church. They were members of the Masonic, Woodman, Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors Lodges.

They lived all their married lives on this same farm, cared for by two of their children, Arleigh and Pearl. James died in August 1933 and Emma died in June 1951.

Irl R. Sears, their first child, was employed by the Commerce Trust Bank in Kansas City for several years and was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station, with the U.S. Navy during W.W. I. He was married to Sylvia Jewell Riley of Humansville, Missouri, in December 1917. They moved to the "Doll" farm, from Kansas City, in August 1924. They had a family of four children; Sylvia Pearl (Mrs. James Arthur) Camey, who has eight children; Katherine Lee (Mrs. Robert Eugene) Schulz, who has two sons; James Karl (married to Delvina Vera (Jackie) Powell who has two children; Lois Irene (Mrs. David) Garten, who has four children.

Irl remained on the farm until early 1960, when with failing health, he and Sylvia moved to Harrisonville. He died in February 1966 and Sylvia still lives in their home.

James Arleigh remained with his parents, and farmed, except for the months he served in the U.S. Army in Texas, during W.W. I. He was a faithful member of the Cleveland Methodist Church until it disbanded, and was a member of the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges. He had so many nephews and nieces around him, he was never lonely for children, for he spoiled them all.

Harry D. married Lula Belle Nelson, daughter of Frederick and Ella Nelson in September 1928, and they had two sons: Frederick Henry (married Janice Bernadine Wimmer) who has three daughters; Harry Hartsel (married Loretta Folsom).

Harry D. owned the Cleveland Garage when he first married, then they moved to a farm in the West Union area. Later moving to a farm north of Cleveland belonging to Lula's father. They built a new home in Cleveland and lived there

several years before Harry died in June 1970. Lula lives in the Harrisonville Retirement Home.

Pearl remained with her parents all her life, always making a home for the family, and caring for her parents in their old age. She raised large flocks of chickens and a large garden. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and Eastern Star Lodge. Like Arleigh, she was devoted to her nieces and nephews, and gave them many fond memories.

Pearl and Arleigh sold their farm where they spent their entire life in 1959 and built a new home in Cleveland, where they moved in February 1960. Then in June 1973 they moved again, to Belton, where they had built another new home. Arleigh died there in February 1975, and Pearl still lives in their home.

ERWIN D. SEBA

Erwin D. Seba, son of George W. and Lydia Woestemeyer Seba, was born at Napoleon, Missouri April 26, 1901. He moved with his parents and grandparents to a farm near Raymore, Missouri. He grew to young manhood on his father's farm three and one half miles from Raymore. In 1923 he was united in marriage to Clara Moneymaker and moved to his uncle's farm where they lived for seven years. At that time his parents moved to Belton and Erwin and wife and one son, Donald, moved to the home farm in 1930. Other children born to this union were Fred, Maurice, Mary Ann, Clara Beth, Linda Lee and Karen Elaine. One son, George Edward, died in infancy.

Donald was a farmer, and is now City Engineer of Leavenworth, Kansas. He and his wife, Rhea, have two sons. Fred, who was a postal employee and farmer, is married to Anna Marie Kurzweil. They have six children. They lived in Raymore until the fall of 1971 and now live at Slater, Missouri. Maurice, a farmer, and his wife, Carol Pettijohn, have three children and lived near Belton until the summer of 1971. They now live near Cleveland, Missouri. Mary Ann Newman and husband, Bob, and two sons live at Slater, Missouri. Mary is a speech therapist and housewife. Clara Beth Saunders and husband, Robert, live at Liberty, Missouri. Clara Beth is supervisor of season order processing at Hallmark. Linda Lee Matthews and husband, Paul, and two children live in Pikesville, Maryland. Linda taught one year and then went to Baltimore, Maryland. She is with HEW as an account supervisor. Karen Elaine is an organist and housewife. She and husband, Tony Kreisel, reside in Belton.

All of the children graduated from Raymore or Raymore Peculiar High School except Karen who graduated at Belton High School. Erwin Seba passed away December, 1954. He served his school many years on the Board of Education. Mrs. Seba is still living on part of the home place.

GEO. AND FRED SEBA

George W. and Fred M. Seba from Napoleon, Mo. purchased adjoining farms three miles Northeast of Belton in 1908. They were born near Bay, in Gasconade County, Mo., sons of Fritz and Mary Seba.

George married Lydia Woestemeyer in 1899. They had two sons, Erwin D. and Stanley M. Seba. Erwin married Clara Moneymaker of Raymore, Mo. They had three sons and four daughters as follows: Erwin Donald, Fred Marvin, Maurice Winston, Mary Ann, Clara Beth, Linda Lee and Karen Elaine.

In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. George Seba moved to Belton and their son Erwin and family moved to the Seba farm and engaged in general farming and the dairy business until Erwin's death in 1954.

Stanley married Thelma Ray of Belton and they lived in the Kansas City area until retiring to Kimberling City. Thelma passed away after a short illness in 1975. Lydia Seba died in 1950 and George Seba in 1968.

Fred M. Seba married Emma Meinershagen of Higginsville, Mo. in 1909 and moved to their Belton farm. They had a daughter, Ethel A. and a son Harvey W. Fred Seba died in 1916. Mrs. Seba's brother, Hugo Meinershagen, came to live with his sister and do the farming. In 1919 he married Alice Winkler of Raymore and lived on the Seba farm and Mrs. Seba and children went to Higginsville. One daughter, Laura A., was born to the Meinershagens. When Mrs. Meinershagen died in 1921 Hugo and Laura moved to Higginsville. After several years in Higginsville Mrs. Seba and children returned to Belton. Harvey married Faustine Clemons of Pineville, Mo. They had three children, John Harvey, George Paul and Sue Ellen. Harvey was a painting contractor and they made their home at Neosho, Mo. after World War II. Sue Ellen married Tighe Testerman and has one daughter, Jenny Lou. John Harvey passed away in 1965 and Harvey W. Seba in 1974. Ethel A. Seba was employed in 1929 by the Bank of Belton as a stenographer and is now cashier and director of the bank. Laura Meinershagen returned to Belton in 1940 to work for The Grace Company and made her home with Emma and Ethel A. Seba. Emma Seba died in 1969.

DR. FRED L. SEEVERS

In July, 1920, after serving three years in the United States Army, Dr. Fred L. Seevers, DVM, located in Pleasant Hill. He had been a first lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps of the 17th Cavalry. He was born in Jackson County, Missouri, the son of H. C. and Mary (Shaw) Seevers, on July 24, 1889. He attended grade and high school in Kansas City, and graduated from Kansas City Veterinary College in 1915. He practiced in Blue Springs, Missouri, before his army service.

He was married May 6, 1917, to Fannie Mae Faulkner, daughter of John Francis and Sarah Elizabeth (Gray) Faulkner at Urich in Henry County, Mo. She was born at Urich on October 19, 1890. She graduated from the Normal School at Warrensburg, Now Central Missouri State University, in 1914, and met Dr. Seevers when she taught in Blue Springs. They had two children. Lillian Elizabeth was born December 22, 1919, at Urich. She is the wife of William Albert Parker and lives in Pleasant Hill. Their son, Gene Faulkner Seevers, was born October 24, 1926, at Pleasant Hill. Gene lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and works in American Red Cross Headquarters. He is married to the former Elinor Brawner of Dumfries, Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. Seevers have two grandsons, David Lee Parker, born in Kansas City, Missouri, July 14, 1946, and Philip Corbin Parker, born in Kansas City, March 4, 1951.

Dr. Seevers was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and attended many of the national conventions. He was president of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association in 1946-47. During that year the School of Veterinary Medicine was established at Missouri University and he helped select several members of the first faculty. Dr. and Mrs. Seevers were active members of the First Baptist Church in Pleasant Hill. Mrs. Seevers taught Sunday School classes for a number of years, and has been a member of the Women's Missionary Union of the church since 1920.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred L. Seevers.

He was a charter member of the American Legion, Newton Dudley Post #53, and was twice commander of the post. Mrs. Seevers was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #53, and was its first president. They served two years, 1941-43, as District Commander and District President of the 6th District American Legion and Auxiliary.

They were both active in Masonic affairs, he serving as Master of Jewel Lodge No. 480, A.F. and A.M., and she as Worthy Matron of Ivy Leaf chapter 215, O.E.S., the same year. They were members of Cass County Barracks 1027, World War I Veterans, and its auxiliary; Cass County and Pleasant Hill Historical Societies; and Dr. Seevers was a member of the Pleasant Hill Park Board several years.

Dr. Seevers' parents are buried in Lobb Cemetery, Blue Springs, Mo. Mrs. Seevers' parents are buried in Urich Cemetery, Urich, Missouri. Dr. Seever's grandfather, Thompson Elkins Seevers, born August 8, 1827, in Ohio, was in the battle of Lone Jack. On the day after the battle, his wife rode from the family home at Horseshoe Lake near Independence to Lone Jack to find him. He was not injured.

Mrs. Seevers' grandfather, Isaac Wollard Gray, Urich, Missouri, was born February 28, 1844, in what was then Van Buren, now Cass County. Her grandfather told of going from Urich to Harrisonville on the train to take care of some business. When he went to the depot to go home he learned the train would be very late. He walked home along the railroad tracks, arriving there before the train.

Dr. Seevers died September 29, 1973, and is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Seevers continues to live in their home in Pleasant Hill.

MARY T. GIBSON SETTLE

The Settle family, of Cass County, came to Missouri from England by way of Virginia and Kentucky. The emigrant ancestor was Francis Settle of West Riding, Yorkshire, England, whose passage to America in 1656 was sponsored by James Williamson. By 1664 he had acquired land in Old Rappahannock County (now Richmond County) which remained in the family until 1743, when it was sold by his grandson, also named Francis. This grandson moved to the Blue Ridge mountains and the Virginia frontier. Francis, his two sons, John and Strother G. lived and were land owners on this frontier until their deaths.

Strother G. Settle was a Captain of the Virginia Continental Line "For the War" (Revolutionary War). He married Dorothy Ash of Fauquier County 10 June 1782. His son, Mansfield, born a Virginian, with his wife, Mary T. Gibson Settle, emigrated to Lewis County, Kentucky by the year 1832. According to famiy tradition, he died there after 1834, leaving his wife with ten children. She came by ox cart to Van Buren County, Missouri, from which Cass County was later organized.

The family settled near Dayton. There was a crossing on the Grand River near them, which in later years, became known as "Settle's Ford." The children were: Charles Grayson; Virginia Ann; Mary; William Morgan; Larkin Ash; James Francis; George Franklin; Strother Mansfield; Elizabeth Jane and Lucinda Lavina. Lucinda married James Madison Rogers of Bates County in 1853 and died in 1860. For a time when James Francis was young he was an employee of Russell, Majors and Waddell, a freighting firm on the Santa Fe Trail and Western Plains. He married Nancy Jane Majors, daughter of Isham Majors, of Freeman. He farmed for a short while in eastern Kansas, then later homesteaded in Bates County near Settle's Ford. There they lived until his death in 1873, except for the duration of Order No. 11, when the family went to Arrow Rock, Missouri. James Francis and his wife are buried at the old Settle homestead near Dayton.

James and Nancy Settle's children were: Alexander; Marion Lee; Ella; Thomas J.; George B.; William; Jack and Charles Angelo. Of these Alexander, Marion Lee and Charles Angelo continued living in Cass County. Charles Angelo married Emily Luvina Rogers, daughter of James Madison Rogers and his third wife, Lucy Wilson, of Bates County and was a tenant farmer on many farms around Cass County until he moved to Harrisonville in 1911. He then became a City Marshall and Constable. He died in 1936 and his wife died in 1945. Both are buried at Harrisonville.

Their children were: Leslie, who went to western Kansas, where he became a wheat rancher and cattleman; Lola, who remained in the home; Raymond W.; Lloyd, who died in infancy; William Clyde, who now lives in California; Paul Vane, who returned to Harrisonville; Harry, who died in his early 20's; Madge; Charles Roger, a retired school administrator; Frank, a veteran of World War II, who died in Illinois; Ida; Fannie, who lived in Marshfield, Missouri; and Ruth who lives in Barberton, Ohio. Miss Ida and Miss Madge still live in Harrisonville in the old family home on Lexington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Settle.

Raymond W., the third child, was a Baptist minister and, with his wife, Mary Lund, authored seven books, most of which were concerning early day western transportation and the histories of the freighting firm, Russell, Majors and Waddell and the Pony Express which carried the mail over the Central Route during 1860-1861.

JOHN ALLEN SHACKELFORD

Lewis Shackelford was born September 5, 1817 in Virginia and later came to Chillicothe, Ohio where he married Elizabeth Ann Bryant. To this couple eleven children were born. John Allen was the second child. Soon after the close of the Civil War, the family came to Missouri. They landed in Lee's Summit, came four miles southeast of where Raymore is now and purchased a section of land at $9 per acre. There were no fences and they drove across the prairie hauling lumber to build a house on their farm. This house still stands. Lewis Shackelford was a Baptist minister and preached a number of places, one being the Judy Schoolhouse.

John Allen Shackelford still lived in Ohio. At the age of 19, he enlisted in Company "C" 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry of the Union Army. He was mustered out at the close of the Civil War in West Lancaster, Ohio. He married Miranda Ann Griffith March 28, 1866. The father, Lewis, wrote John Allen in Ohio asking them to move to Missouri stating there were good possibilities in this new country. John and Miranda covered a wagon, put in a trunk, some clothing, cooking utensils and feed for the team of horses with a box on the back of the wagon from which they could feed the team. They started for Missouri in 1869 and met many other wagons going West. Just west of St. Louis, the weather was getting so cold they stopped at Gray Summit, Missouri. Mrs. Shackelford and their little boy, Johnnie, boarded the train for Pleasant Hill where they stayed at a hotel while waiting for John to arrive with the wagon. They located in a small house in Cass County. They later moved to another house. At this place Lucy was born July 26, 1872 and Emily was born February 19, 1875. John and Miranda then bought 160 acres of land where they built a house in 1880. At this place Nellie was born, October 10, 1888.

John Shackelford was a member of the Raymore Masonic Lodge No. 451. He often was on the Township Election Board and a member of the School Board at Greenlee School located on his farm. All the children attended that school.

Their only son, Johnnie, passed away February 5, 1891. About two years later, they took an eleven year old boy, Walter Devaney, into the home to live as one of the family until the age of 17 when he desired to go into the world to make his own way. The Shackelfords farmed the land until John's death in September, 1920. They united earlier with the Baptist Church at Old Peculiar but later united with the Coleman Baptist Church. Miranda was an industrious lady and a good neighbor. When there was sickness in the community, she went into homes day or night to help. She left the farm in 1921 and spent most of the rest of her life with her daughter, Emily Bratten. She passed away March 31, 1945.

Lucy married Frank Webb, December 18, 1895, Emily married Clifford Bratten, December 22, 1898 and Nellie married Charles Dobson, April 30, 1907.

LEWIS SHACKELFORD

Lewis Shackelford with his second wife, Mary Jane (Talbot), and probably six of the ten children of his deceased first wife, Elizabeth Ann (Bryant), moved from Ross County, Ohio, to Missouri in 1868. Lewis Shackelford had married Mary Jane (Talbot) Shackelford (born June 29, 1832) in Ohio, probably in Ross County. The year of their marriage was between 1864 and 1868. The children of Lewis Shackelford who moved from Ohio with them were Eliza, Henry, William Woodruff, David Greenlee, Scott and Nancy Ann.

They traveled by boat to St. Louis and to the vicinity of Lee's Summit by oxcart. They lived east of Lee's Summit for three months and then moved to a six hundred acre farm Mr. Shackelford had bought for nine dollars an acre, three and a half miles north of Peculiar. At that time, there was one house between Lee's Summit and this tract of land. In 1869, he built a home which still stands. The lumber for it was hauled from Lee's Summit by oxcart. This was his home and that of his unmarried children until his death February 18, 1904.

Two daughters were born to the Shackelfords here — Ruth, who died in infancy and Katie Linn (born July 5, 1872), died August 7, 1887. She was unmarried.

After her husband's death, Mary Jane Shackelford moved to Peculiar. She lost her life in a fire February 13, 1908.

Lewis Shackelford was a farmer and stockman, but he was also a Baptist minister — a circuit rider. He preached in Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri. He was a strong Union sympathizer during the War Between the States. Three of his sons served in the Union Army, Henry and Jesse, twins, born Jan. 18, 1843, were two who served in the Union Army. Henry moved to Peculiar after the war and died, unmarried.

Eliza, born October 17, 1851, married Isaac Cahill Dec. 26, 1869. They moved west thereafter.

Scott, born Jan. 17, 1857, died 1879, unmarried.

David Greenlee, born Feb. 22, 1885, married Clara Conover in 1885 or 1886, and they had one daughter, Florence Fern, born Dec. 24, 1886. Clara died May 22, 1888, and Florence Fern was raised by her aunts. Florence married Roy E. Porter May 6, 1912, in Liberty, Missouri, and had one child, Rachael Elizabeth, born in 1914. David Greenlee's second wife was Lura Alice Moore, married April 19, 1894. Two chil-

dren were born to them, Deane G., born May 5, 1895, died at birth. Marjorie Kate, born June 18, 1904, married Jesse Goodin McCune June 12, 1938, in Ottawa, Kansas. They have one son, Paul Bryant McCune, born Aug. 19, 1944. David Greenlee died March 24, 1938.

Nancy Ann, born Sept. 27, 1860, died Dec. 21, 1958, married William Lytle Todd April 2, 1890. Three children were born near Peculiar — Katie Serce Todd, born June 1, 1891; Avis Bryant Todd, born April 20, 1893, married Clyde L. Johnson and they had Paul Laverne and Winston Claire, and the Johnsons live in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Lucile Todd died in infancy.

Two sons were born to Nancy Ann and William Lytle Todd near Colony, Kansas, William Lewis Todd, born June 2, 1896, married Florence Rothweiler, and they had three children, Virginia Ann, Mary Katherine and William Lewis, Jr. Florence Todd died April 13, 1956, and William Lewis Todd married second Ada. They live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Robert Tiffin Todd was born July 14, 1902, married Allene Mowry and they have three daughters, Alice, Patsy Ann and Roberta. The family lives in Houston, Texas.

WILLIAM WOODFORD SHACKELFORD

William Woodford Shackleford (born June 28,1849 — died Aug. 7, 1930) was the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Ann (Bryant) Shackelford and came from Ohio to Peculiar in 1868. Feb. 11, 1875, he married Laura Ellen Cline at her parents home near Pleasant Hill. Their six children were: Ralph Lewis, born Nov. 4, 1875, died March 30, 1964, married Mary Beck Nov. 4, 1902, at Garnett, Kansas, and they had one child, Charles Lewis, born in 1902, in Oklahoma where the family moved and Ralph established a telephone system at Wagoner. Later they moved to Porum where Ralph died.

Eva Almeda was born Oct. 22, 1877, died March 26, 1959, married Emmett Emerson Spradling Feb. 2, 1898. Their first child Ada Mae, born in 1903, died in early childhood. They moved to Colorado where Deane Emerson was born and lived only a short time. In Bogue, Kansas, Dale was born in 1906. Two more sons were born in Hill City, Kansas, Harold 1911, and Vernon 1916.

Ada Alice married Cyril Liggett in 1907, and they had one daughter, Helen Irene 1916.

Scott Willis, born July 28, 1883, and Leonard Deane, born Dec. 19, 1885, and both young men died of typhoid fever in 1907.

Frank Bryant, born Feb. 19, 1899, married Mary Jane Wills, born Oct. 8, 1902, and they had two daughters, Mary Louise 1918 and Betty Jean 1923. Mary Louise married Harry Mossman Feb. 14, 1940, and they live in California. Betty Jean married Charles Dealy Jan. 28, 1942. He was killed in an automobile accident after returning from service in World War II. They had one child, Frank, born April 3, 1948, and they live in Arkansas. Frank Shackleford was a rural mail carrier in Peculiar for 42 years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodford Shackelford were farmers near Peculiar and moved to Peculiar several years before his death in 1930. They were charter members of the First Baptist Church of Peculiar. Mrs. Shackelford made her home with her children, Mrs. E. E. Spradling, Mrs. C. V. Liggett and Frank Shackelford after her husband died.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shaler.

NATHAN TYLER SHALER

Nathan Tyler Shaler, son of Rufus and Hannah Cole Shaler, was born 13 Nov 1806 at Haddam, Conn., but moved as a very young child to New York and it is possibly there that he and his five brothers were ordained into the ministry. His first wife was Deborah Ann Lawrence, but facts concerning their marriage are not known.

In 1835 Nathan Shaler came West to Indian Territory and what is now Kansas. For at least eight years he assisted Rev. Thomas Johnson as a Missionary to the Shawnee Indians at his Manual-School Mission at what is now Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Rev. Shaler worked among the Indians from 1835 to 1858, during which time he lived with and taught among the tribes of the Shawnee, Delaware, Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Peorias, and Wyandottes. It was in 1837, during his mission at the Peoria Station that Nathan married Ann Beauchemie, a Shawnee girl. She was the daughter of Mackinaw and Betsy Rogers Beauchemie, and had lived in the Thomas Johnson home, caring for their children, and attending their school since she was a child. Betsy Rogers' father, Henry Rogers, was a Virginia boy who had been kidnapped by the Shawnee Chief Blackfish, and raised as his son, and later married Blackfish's daughter. Mackinaw Beauchemie was half Chippewa, but had been raised among the Potawatomi, where he was a native preacher. Ann Shaler assisted her husband in the duties of the Mission until her death from consumption in 1843. To this date no record has been found of children of this marriage.

Nathan Shaler married Sarah Ann Albright 10 Nov 1843 in Cass County, Mo., and continued to accept assignments in Indian Missions until 1859, and in 1861 he was given superannuate relation by the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He moved with his family to land he had purchased in Cass

County and became the County's first Circuit Rider Methodist Minister.

Construction of the farm home was begun just prior to the out break of the Civil War. Located south-west of Freeman, Mo. it was located in the path of Bushwhackers, Jayhawkers, and border ruffians. Before the house was finished the family had to evacuate, possibly due to Order No. 11. It is believed that they lived in a house on Scarritt Point in Kansas City during that time. When they were able to return to Cass County they found that soldiers had camped in the uncompleted structure and some of the doors, windows, and finishing lumber had disappeared. Construction resumed and the house still stands and is inhabited.

In 1868 a Methodist Episcopal Church was built in the neighborhood of the Shaler farm. It was named Shaler Chapel in honor of Nathan Shaler, and his oldest living son at the time, F.C. Shaler, was one of the builders and first members. The Chapel burned in 1886 and when it was reconstructed the location was changed and it was called Shiloh.

The family Cemetery is south of the farm house on a grassy knoll, rising above the pasture and corn field that surround it. It is well maintained by descendants and relatives and is the final resting place of Nathan Shaler, who died 5 Feb 1879, and Sarah Shaler, who died 17 May 1911.

Children of Nathan and Sarah Shaler were: Jerome C. Berryman Shaler, John W. Shaler, and Nathan Scarritt Shaler, who died as children; Fernando Cortez Shaler, married Mary Ann Dunn; Mary Catherine Shaler, married C. C. Smith; Josephine Shaler, married John W. Duncan; William Paine Shaler, married Mollie Dudley; Julie Shaler, married James Peyton; and Erastus W. Shaler, married Louisa Jane Hite.

The annals of history have passed by without recording the deeds of Rev. Nathan Tyler Shaler and many men like him. But their acts cannot be labeled insignificant, for it was on men like these that our Mid-West was built. They give us reason to be proud.

THOMAS SHALER

The Shalers came to America from England. The name is an Anglicized form of the German word *scholar* and we feel certain that the stock was originally German and reached England with the Saxons. Many English families derived from such an origin.

Thomas Shaler [1], English emigrant from Stratford-on-Avon, settled at Haddam from Hartford in 1662 with his wife Marah. He married (2) Alice, widow of Thomas Brooks and daughter of Gerrard and Hannan (Cole) Spencer. Thomas Shaler sailed for the West Indies in 1692 and was never heard from.

Thomas Shaler [2], Jr. was born at Haddam, Conn. 26 Dec 1670 and married Kathron, 22 Oct 1696. He died at Haddam 4 June 1753.

Hezekiah Shaler [3] was born at Haddam, Conn. 9 May 1706 and married 24 Nov 1727 Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Burge Lewis.

Ezra Shaler [4] was born at Haddam, Conn. 17 Jan 1739/40 and married 11 Nov 1762 Jerusha Brainerd, daughter of Phineas Brainerd and Jerusha Towner.

Rufus Shaler [5] was born at Haddam, Conn. 4 May 1764 and married 7 June 1795 Hannah Cole. Rufus was a "manufacturer of Shaler's Artic Creamery and dealer in Mayhew's steam churn motor, butter salting scale and best butter worker." Rufus and Hannah settled in Schoharie Co., N.Y. in 1805. Their children were: Henry Shaler "of Ontario"; Lucinda Shaler, married Orange Judd; Brainerd Shaler; Nathan Tyler Shaler [6]; John Shaler "of Fulton"; Benjamin Shaler, married Marie Conklin; and Jeremiah Shaler.

Leslie, Van E. and Carl Sharp.

SAMUEL SHARP

Samuel Sharp married Frances T. Lyon. Both were born in Va. as were their daughters Ellen and Jane. The other children, Sarah Frances and Matt, twins, Nancy E., Hester Ann, Virginia E., Rebecca C., Oscar, Sinai A., and William were born in what is now Cass Co., Mo. Samuel and Frances Sharp and two children came to Van Buren (Cass) Co. about 1833 in ox carts, settling NW of what is now Harrisonville. They built a log cabin with two large rooms, and with two fireplaces which were used to heat the cabin and for cooking. In 1974 Herb and Kay Carter gave the cabin to the Cass Co. Historical Society to be a museum. It is being restored in Harrisonville. On Oct. 3, 4 and 5, 1975, a Log Cabin Festival was held and is to be an annual celebration. The gift of a quilt which was pieced by Gertrude Spitzer Sharp from material left from garments she made for her children while living in the log cabin is ready for placement in the cabin.

Oscar Sharp married Maggie Morris and had children Mary, Earl and Bessie. Mary married Tom Craig, lived in Peculiar, Mo., had daughters Mary and Dorothy. After Oscar and Maggie died his brother, Matt, raised Mary and Earl. At this time (May 1976) Mary is in a nursing home in Kansas City, Mo.

Matt H. Sharp was born in the log cabin 1836. Born there also were his brothers and sisters born in Mo., all of his children and all of his son Van's children. Matt Sharp married first Julia Slusher and married second Mary S. Hardy. By his first wife he had children: Samuel, Mattie, Minnie, Fannie M., Van E., Eugene, and Charles H.

Samuel Sharp married Nona Gray and had children: Fred, August, Ruby, William, Violet, Robert, Wayne, and Nona. Mattie and Minnie Sharp went to Cripple Creek, Colo., and went into the silver mine business. Fannie M. Sharp married Rodney Preston and had children: Matt, John, Pearl, Delmus, Denver, and Opal. Eugene Sharp is not married. Charles H. Sharp married Dell Morgan. Van E. Sharp married Gertrude

C. Spitzer and had 6 children: Julia; Myrtle B., who married Hiram A. Pickering and had children Max A. and James C. The Pickerings operated a grocery store in the NE part of Kansas City, Mo. for many years. Their son, James C., is with Western Electric Co., Lee's Summit, Mo.; Carl E. who married Alma L. Stanley and lives in Peculiar, Mo. In World War I he left Harrisonville with a group of local men, was in Co. L 356th Infantry of the 89th Division, and was stationed in the Army of Occupation in Germany for 6 months after the war was over. He operated a sheetmetal business in Kansas City, Mo. then went into the building contracting business. He was the first Mayor of Northmoor, in Platte Co., Mo., and later was Mayor of Raymore, Mo.; William D. Sharp married Florence Kauffman. He is deceased, was a laboratory technician; Mable D. Sharp married Forest Tonahill and had children: Ruth L., Ellen L., Glenn A., Jack, and David Lee. She lives in San Diego, Calif. with most of her family; Leslie L. Sharp married Inez Brown. He worked as an automobile mechanic instructor, is now retired in Kansas City, Mo. The family of Van E. Sharp lived in the Sharp-Hopper log cabin until 1905. Leslie L. Sharp was the last of the Sharps to be born in the cabin.

BILL SHELTON

Bill and Lorelei (Lee) Shelton moved from Kansas City, Mo. to Peculiar with their six children in August, 1963 when they purchased what was then known as the "Old Burney farm" on YY road. It is now known as Walnut Hill Farm. They occupy the farmhouse which was built about 1869. Although previous owners made considerable changes in the house, it still retains many of the original features including the curved walnut staircase and wide floorboards on the second floor.

The Shelton daughters are: Sandra, married to Jerry Cooper in 1967 and mother of one daughter, Jacqueline, born in 1971. Sandy teaches at Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, Mo. Linda, an RN, married James Werts in 1971 and lives and works in Buffalo, NY. Lorna, a stewardess for Frontier airlines married Jerry Jacobs, Denver, in 1975.

The Shelton's three sons are Terrance, for many years organist at St. Peter's, Harrisonville, and presently at St. Paul's, Kansas City and the UMKC Conservatory of Music; Billy, now with the Peace Corps in Mali, W. Africa; and Bobby, who is a student at CMSC, Warrensburg.

Bill Shelton has owned and operated Shelton Construction Company since 1949. He is also active in the community and is currently president of the Peculiar Lion's Club. He has taken an active interest in the restoration of the Sharp-Hopper log cabin. The Sheltons are members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Harrisonville.

MARTIN HACKLER SHIPLEY

Martin Hackler Shipley, son of Preston Parker and Sarah Virginia Hackler Shipley, was born 5-18-1886 and died 12-14-1948. Martin Hackler Shipley married Eliza Brewer in 1907. Eliza, born 11-26-89 died 3-5-70, was the daughter of Ambrose Elizabeth and Christina Dye Brewer. Ambrose was named for his Mother. Martin and Eliza were the parents of 12 children: Burrell born 4-19-1908 and died 6-2-1921, Chester Raymond born 9-6-1909, Luther Hackler born 1-4-1911 and died 11-2-1934 Floyd Lilburn born 9-15-1912, Clyde born 5-9-1914 and died 11-1-1969, Thurman Fred born 9-17-1915, Sarah Gladys born 2-13-1917, Christine Marie born 7-4-1918, Doris Eliza born 2-4-1920 and died 10-28-1920, Clifford Martin born 4-12-1924, and Darrel Lee born 2-9-1929.

Chester Raymond married Vena Lettie Flannary. Vena born 6-7-1910 and died 5-4-1956. Their children are (1) Norris Eldon, who married Peggy Stark. Their children are Steven and Gena. (2) Arlene Delores, who married Glen Harlan Hill. Their children are Timothy (Tim) and Kristie. (3) Ardeth Larie, who married Teddy Richard (Ted) Thomas. Their children are Kent and Greg. (4) Joyce Lavaun, who married Stephen Champlin. Their children are Allan, Teresa and Jason Eric. Chester married Freda Marie Murphy Harris. She was born 7-10-1922. Their children are, her son, Wilburn Lee Harris, and their son, Martin Keith. Wilburn Lee married Ruby Gillis.

Floyd Lilburn married Edna Mae Hendricks. She was born 1-30-1918. Their children are (1) Buddy Rodgers, who married Carol Strydom. Their son is Zacharriah Martin (Zac). (2) Sharon Suzanne, who married Robert (Bob) Hill. Their son is Ryan. Floyd later married Marie.

Clyde Shipley married LaVerna Marie Van Meter. She was born 12-26-1914. Their children are (1) R. Clyde Jr. He married Sandra Anne May. Their children are Kevin Ray and John Matthew. (2) John Martin. (3) Van Vernon. He married Joy Marguerite Weaver.

Thurman Fred married Ardis Maxine Frazier. She was born 4-25-1920 and died 3-23-1951. Their son is Norvin Gene. Thurman married Dorothy Faye Adams Robinson. She was born 10-16-1924. Their children were his son, Norvin and her children, Edward Ray and Janice Kaye Robinson. Their daughters are Rita Faye and Connie Sue Shipley. Edward married Rebecca (Becky) Richards.

Sarah Gladys married Albert Louis Phillips. He was born 9-7-1908 and died 6-12-69. Their children are (1) Gareld Lee, who married Barbara Jean Cantrell. Their children are Penny, Joe and Paul. (2) Roberta Jean, who married Ray Ford. She died 5-23-1962. Their son is Johnny Ray. (3) Bobby Dale, who married Karen Osborn. Their children are Kelly and Ryan.

Christine Marie married George Moses Shanks. He was born 5-22-1917. Their children are (1) Errol Shanks, who married Jonelle James. Their children are Richard, Shelly and Ronnie. (2) Dana, who married Patricia Coleman, (3) Jay, who married Jean Hatfield, (4) the twins, Donna and Deanna.

Lola Mae married Dewaine Walters. He was born 5-21-1921. Their children are (1) Gary, who married Barbara Ruth. Their children are Michelle and Marnee. (2) Randy, who married Lorraine Peterson. Their son is Bradley (Brad). (3) Kevin.

Clifford Martin. He married Doris Aileene Van Eaton. She was born 8-29-1927. Their children are (1) Michael. He married Sharon Hays. Their daughter is Sherri. He later married Carol Owsley. Their son is Troy. (2) Baby girl who died in infancy. (3) Tina Lee, who married Robert Bretz. Their son is Travis. (4) Victor (Vic).

Darrel Lee. He married Lois Elizabeth Fehlman. She was born 4-18-1928. Their children are Bunny, Lise and Bruce.

PRESTON PARKER SHIPLEY

Preston Parker "Press" Shipley, his brothers Uriah Mackey and Herritage Howerton "Dock" and his sister, Izora Parmilee were born on the land-granted farm, proved-up by his father, William Palmer Shipley. William, and at least one sister, Nancy Elizabeth and their parents were born in Tennessee. Their parents, Tolbert and Martha (Bay) Shipley were married at McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee in 1816 when Tolbert was 18. They migrated to Hancock County, Illinois in 1828 and then to Missouri in 1835. Tolbert was said to have 13 brothers and 6 sisters. He purchased land in East Dolan township in 1855 which was just northeast of farms now owned by his great-great-grandsons, Thurman and Clifford Martin Shipley. William was married in March 1848 to Amanda Jane, daughter of William and Ruth Jane Wilson who had migrated from Clarksville, Kentucky in 1847 and proved-up on the land-granted farm which cornered Williams'. Press' cousin, Murna Wilson Smith, still lives there. Press moved to Harrisonville in 1863, (Order No. 11) and later to Peculiar. He worked for the Harrelsons, helping with the wagon trains to California and herding cattle near Old Brosley.

Sarah Virginia "Sally" Hackler, 6th daughter and 8th child of Martin Luther and Sarah Virginia (Hackler) Hackler was born on the farm land-granted by her father in 1842 one mile southwest of Hickman Mills. Martin and some brothers had come west in 1840 from Grayson County, Virginia, with their stepmother, Jane, following his Uncle George Hackler who lived near Columbia, Missouri. Martin and his cousin were married July 22, 1841. Sally also worked for Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson. She married Press Shipley, January 13, 1880. Their children Arthur Ashton, William Emory, Oren Homer, Ida Adelia and Martin Luther were born while they lived in the Peculiar-Raymore area. They bought land in 1886 in Everett Township moving there where Anna, Katie Lee and Stanley Ross were born. An acre of land was set-aside for the Oak Grove School. The house built in 1898, following a fire which burned the cabin and attached old school-house, was on the "home" forty. It now belongs to Fischers. All of the Shipley children and their families lived there at some time. Donald Shipley, a grandson owns the west forty and the east forty is owned by granddaughters, Helen and Ella Virginia Hocker. These three and another grandson, Lester Shipley, were all born in the family home. Two great-grandchildren were born there. Many gather yearly at "The Forty" (east) for a picnic.

Press Shipley farmed all of his life. He also sold merchandise, including fruit stock, establishing for his family, excellent orchards. He and Sally were members of the Everett Methodist church where the younger members were christened as babies. Sallys' family included several Methodist ministers. Following her death in 1909, Press returned to the Baptist Church (Hickory Grove). His Aunt Elizabeth had married Humphrey Thompson who was ordained to full work of ministry, July 6, 1844 by New Hope Church in western Van Buren Co.

Twenty-five of thirty-one grandchildren are still living. They are Chester, Clifford and Darrel of Drexel, Orma Stevens, Mildred Wright, Oren, Jr., Betty Warner, Donald, Thurman, Gladys Phillips and Lola Mae Walters of Archie, Catherine Ward of Urich, Lester of Lees Summit, Lorreta Fern Wright of Holt, Marie Shanks, of Centralia, Missouri; Fannie Sorenson of Deadwood, and Herman of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Blanche Ryther and Lloyd of Lewiston, Idaho; Verna Gibbs of ElCajon, Lyle of Menlo Park, Opal Taylor of Clearlake Oaks, and Floyd of Redondo Beach, California; and Helen and Ella Virginia Hocker of Topeka, Kansas.

SAMUEL SHIPLEY

Samuel and Isabell (Davidson) Shipley came to Raymore from Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1899. Mr. Shipley was a Confederate veteran, having served in the Southern army for three years. They were the parents of six children; Martin F. (Jack), M. Hiter, Elbert, Chester, Lula and Clarence. Mr. Shipley died in 1915 and Mrs. Shipley in 1934.

Martin F. (Jack) was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1867. He came to Missouri in 1893 and got work on a farm near Raymore. Later he and his brother, Hiter, were in partnership doing custom baling and threshing. He was also engaged in general farming. During the Spanish-American War, Jack enlisted and served as a member of Company E, Fifth Volunteer Infantry, Jack married Miss Ethel Wade of Kansas City, Missouri in 1912. They were the parents of three children; Roy, Mildred and Frances. Mr. Shipley was killed in a tragic accident while sawing wood in February of 1916.

Marion Hiter Shipley was born in Sullivan County, Tenn. in 1869. He was the second son of Samuel and Isabell Shipley. He came to Missouri at the age of 19 years and worked on various farms until he began farming for himself. He later increased his farming activities to include the raising of horses and mules. When the demand for these animals decreased, Mr. Shipley changed to dairy farming. At the age of 25, he was married to Miss Athelia Hudson, of Raymore. They were the parents of twelve children; Deane; Elsie; Herchiel, who passed away in 1964; Margaret, who died at the age of six weeks; a son, who died in infancy; Clyde, who passed away at the age of 16 years; Lula; Beulah; Lena; Lee; Winnefred and Raymond. Marion Hiter Shipley died July 11, 1945 and Mrs. Shipley, June 19, 1950.

Elbert Shipley, the third son of Samuel and Isabell Shipley, was born in Sullivan County, Tenn. in the year 1871. He came to Raymore in 1898. Because of ill health, he went with several other young men to Bellingham, Washington, where for some time he followed the carpenters trade. Elbert married Miss Emma Graybeal, the daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of Raymore. They established their home on a farm east of Raymore. When they retired from farm life, due to poor health, they moved into the town of Raymore where they passed away in the late 1950s. They had no children.

Chester Shipley, son of Samuel and Isabell Shipley, was born in Sullivan County, Tenn. in 1875. At the age of 24, he came with his parents to Missouri, locating near Raymore. He married Miss Mary Garten, of near Coleman, Missouri. They established their home on a farm southwest of Raymore. They were the parents of six children; Hazel; Fern; Wilma; Willard; Oleta, who died a few days after birth, and Ray.

Clarence Shipley, the youngest son of Samuel and Isabell Shipley, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn. in 1881. He came with

his parents to the vicinty of Raymore in 1899. He lived in and around Raymore for 51 years and was a farmer the greater part of his life. He married Edith Mae Harper and they became the parents of two daughters, Leola and Alta. When Clarence moved into town, he became a mail-carrier for several years. He was fatally injured in a car-truck collision.

Lula Anise Shipley, the only daughter of Samuel and Isabell Shipley, was born near Jonesboro, Tenn. in 1879. She came to Raymore with her parents when she was about 20 years old. She made her home with them as long as they lived, caring for them in their old age. After their deaths, she lived alone, never having married. She loved her family and all of her nieces, always taking an interest in their activities. She passed away in 1961.

JAMES MONROE SHOUSE

James Monroe Shouse was born December 21, 1845 in Platte County, son of Benjamin Perry and Margaret (Farra) Shouse, who had migrated from Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1844. With six brothers and four sisters he grew to manhood in Platte County. During the Civil War he met his future bride, Harriett Lamar (born March 17, 1849 — died August 28, 1935), daughter of John and Frances (Hodges) Lamar, when her family came to Platte County from Cass County after Order No. 11 was issued.

At the age of 19 he became a member of the Bee Creek Baptist Church and from that time his life was closely allied to the church.

James and Harriett were married November 5, 1868, and for three years lived in Platte County. In 1871 Shouse purchased 96 acres of land in Johnson County, Kansas, on the state line southwest of Belton. He added to that land on the Missouri side of state line in Cass County until he owned 695 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Shouse were parents of nine children, one died in infancy, and Frank and Edward died in early childhood.

John Lamar Shouse (born June 7, 1871 — died May 8, 1964) married Emeline Ingrum, daughter of Phoebe (Burney) and John Ingrum.

Mary Elizabeth Shouse (born September 18, 1874 — died July 11, 1950), married Edgar Ross Idol, son of D. C. and Nancy (Ross) Idol.

James Herbert Shouse (born March 19, 1878 — died August 2, 1966) married Lillian Clarke.

Nellie Frances Shouse (born February 22, 1880) married Roy L. Rosier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Absolom Rosier.

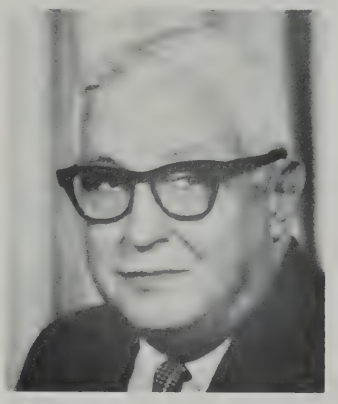
Napoleon Bonaparte Shouse (born September 18, 1882 — died May 8, 1962) married Fan Garnett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Garnett.

Harriet Belle (born November 26, 1884 — died December 29, 1964). Unmarried.

All of these children attended college in Liberty, Missouri. The sons went to William Jewell College and the daughters attended Liberty Ladies College.

In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Shouse moved to a home in Belton, Missouri, leaving two sons in charge of the farm. Mr. Shouse became the first President of the Citizens Bank of Belton when it was organized in 1903, and kept that post until his death July 11, 1922. They were devoted members of the Baptist Church where he served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, while his wife was a teacher also and member of the Women's Missionary Society. They helped organize the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church during the time they lived on the farm.

RAY L. SHUBERT



Ray L. Shubert, an attorney in Harrisonville, Missouri, is one of the older lawyers at this time still practicing law. Mr. Shubert was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 28, 1897, whose parents were H. J. Shubert and Lucy Shubert. He attended grade school and high school in Kansas City, Missouri, and after graduating from high school, he attended Kansas University in Lawrence, Kansas, and the Kansas City School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1918. He joined the law firm of New, Miller, Camack and Winger, one of the larger law firms at that time in Kansas City, and was associated with them until about the time he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County, Missouri, in 1928, being the first and only Republican to ever hold the office of Prosecuting Attorney since the creation of the County.

On December 16, 1925, he was united in marriage with Stella F. Reynolds, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who passed away on October 3, 1973.

After being elected Prosecuting Attorney in 1928, he moved to Harrisonville, from Belton, where he had been living. After serving as Prosecuting Attorney, he entered into private law practice in Harrisonville, in which he is still actively engaged. He was very active in Republican politics and served twelve years on the Republican State Committee. He took an active part in American Legion activities and was Commander of the Hurley Lee Spicer Post for three years. He later served as Department Judge Advocate for the State of Missouri.

During the depression days, he was either Receiver or attorney for the Receiver of five State banks and three National banks, two of the National banks being located in Clinton, Missouri, and one in Rich Hill, Missouri. During World War II, he served on the local draft board from the very beginning until the war was over.

In 1953, he was elected director of the Allen Banking Company, and is still serving as a member of the Board for Allen Bank and Trust Company. He served nine years, or three different terms, on the Harrisonville School Board, and also served on the Board of Public Works of the City of Harrisonville and was Chairman of the Board during this time.

In 1945 Mayor Joel Ewing appointed a committee of five to ascertain whether or not it was feasible to start a new city hospital in the City of Harrisonville, and he was Chairman of that committee. The hospital was dedicated and opened for business in 1946 and he served as President of the Hospital Board from the day of the opening of the hospital for a period of three years.

In September, 1964, Charles E. Hight joined him and started the law firm of Shubert & Hight. Later in 1970, the firm expanded and became the law firm of Shubert, Hight & Ballew, which is still active in Harrisonville.

He is a member of the United Methodist Church, in Harrisonville, Missouri.

JOSEPH EVERTT SIGLER

Joe Sigler was born in Oscecla, Ohio, Crawford, on June 1, 1868, to Joseph Sigler and Ann Barr Sigler. They were Pennsylvania Dutch. He was the sixth of nine children and was orphaned at age 6. He lived with cousins of his mother's until 1880, when he came to Missouri to the home of his sister, Allie Cordell, on a farm east of Pleasant Hill. In 1883 she died of tuberculosis. His mother, father and all his brothers and sisters, with the exception of Joe and younger sister, Lettie, died of tuberculosis. After his sisters' death he came to Harrisonville, Mo. and worked in a livery stable and on a bus line from the Harrisonville Hotel to the train station. Later, he was a farm laborer for 50¢ a day and saved money. In 1887 he went to Kansas City, Mo. and worked a plow team to straighten the Kaw River as it entered the Missouri River. He hunted on the land that is now Swope Park. In the fall of 1887, he went to Sterling, Colo. to help build the Burlington Railroad. He was a "Jack of all trades" from breaking horses to boiler engineer. He dug a well on the Barrett farm northwest of Harrisonville in 1893 that was 30 feet deep — 16 feet wide. Barrett had a drug store on the northwest corner of the square. Joe was a hard worker and never out of a job. He loved children and was a great tease. He never knew a stranger.

In 1892 he married Rosa Durbin of Odessa, Mo. They had five children: Harvey Roe, 1894; Blanch, 1896; Goldie 1899; E.E. (Sam), 1901 and Gladys, 1905. Blanch stayed in Cass County. She married Lavale Ferguson. Seven children were born to this marriage, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Roe was born on a farm 1½ miles northwest of Harrisonville, near Walnut Grove School. Doctor D. R. Elder of Harrisonville attended. Blanch was born in Kempton, Mo., 5 miles north of Harrisonville. Doctor Tripplett, of Harrisonville, attended. Joe worked on a farm for $20.00 per month and a house to live in. Goldie was born in Ore, Mo. Doctor Jerard, of Pleasant Hill, attended. Goldie died in 1968. Sam was born in Pleasant Hill, died 1961. Gladys was born in Odessa, Mo. Roe and Gladys live in Calif. and Blanch in Pleasant Hill, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Sigler had 5 children — 15 grandchildren — 33 great grandchildren — 18 great, great grandchildren before Joe passed away in 1972 at the age of 104. Rosie passed away in 1962, age 88.

Joseph Evertt Sigler in 1968, age 100.

In April 1908, Joe ran a steam-roller on the road that is now Hyway #7 in Pleasant Hill. He graded, rolled, rocked, then rolled, rocked and rolled again, from Pleasant Hill to the Jackson County line. Finished this road March, 1909. He built roads like this in Fulton, Mo. and Kansas City, Mo. In 1911 he took lumber and a 14 ton crusher, pulling it with a Springfield roller from Grandview, Mo. to Summerset, Kansas. He worked on a road from Shawnee Mission, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas with a steam roller 1911 to 1912. In 1915 he worked at Longview Farm and in 1919 began work at Kansas City Power and Light, retiring in 1934. He was their oldest retiree for many years. At time of his employment the wage was 48¢ per hour. He loved to travel and made 14 trips to Calif. visiting family and friends. His last trip was when he was 99 years old.

Joe and family moved to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in 1900 and to Kansas City, Mo. in 1915, living there until 1951 when he moved to the home of Blanch and Lavale Ferguson until his death in 1972. He walked to town every day until he was 101 years old. Joe Sigler was loved by all and had a handshake and a smile for everyone.

RAY SIMS

Ray Sims, of Raymore, Missouri, and a native of the "Show Me" state, has been showing cattlemen how to sell at fast-paced auctions for 31 years. An auctioneer who is highly respected, with a wide acquaintance, he is also one of the nation's best known auctioneers. Ray Sims and Angus auction sales are nearly synonymous in the middle west. He sells all breeds of cattle, horses, mules, hogs, sheep and real estate, beginning in general farm sales when he was 18 years old. His selling career was interrupted for two years of military service, spent in the United States and Guadalcanal. Ray was born at Green Ridge, Missouri, has a general farm background and was an active showman in 4H and FFA, showing hogs, calves and sheep. He began selling purebred cattle with Roy Johnston, Raymore, Missouri, after returning from service. Ray has served as auctioneer at sales in nearly every state, selling close to 4,000 sales.

Earlyne Stanfield, Windsor, Missouri, and Ray Sims were married in 1943. A twin engine airplane has been owned by Ray for several years to shorten the hours of travel necessary in his auction business. Ray is a licensed airline pilot but hires retired pilots to operate his plane most of the time.

Daye Sims, daughter of Ray and Earlyne, studied animal science at Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas.

Both Daye and her brother, Tully, are active in 4H. One of their important wins was Daye's champion stee at Phoenix. Their record in 1971 boasted champions at five shows, then at Missouri State Fair they had two firsts, one second and reserve champion. Although both are knowledgeable in showing, fitting and selecting, they do have talents in other fields. Daye is one of Missouri's top young singers, as she has won first place in statewide contests.

Ray now owns and operates about 2,000 acres, with the main livestock program being registered and commercial cows. Ray is enthusiastic and interested in all phases of the livestock industry. He is an active promoter of breed associations on national, state and local levels. In addition, Ray has enjoyed a long-time membership in the Belton Missouri Optimists Club. He is one of the owners of the Superior School of Auctioneering at Decatur, Illinois. He is gratified that the school is graduating some of the top new men of the nation.

Ray Sims was the inspiration for the nationally famous song, "The Auctioneer". LeRoy Van Dyke, the song writer and a cousin of Ray's wrote the song while in Korea during the war. Van Dyke, at one time served as fieldman for the Drovers Journal before entering the entertainment profession.

Ray and Earlyne bought the Bishop farm in 1955 and in 1967, built their present home and moved to the farm near Raymore, Missouri where they now reside. The family are active members of the Belton Christian Church. Ray has served as board chairman, Daye and Earlyne sing in the choir and Tully is a member of the Youth singing group, "The Celebration".

Ray is one of the governors of the American Royal and a member of the Missouri and National Auctioneers Association. Earlyne is a member of the D.A.R., Junior Women's Philharmonic Group, Sketch Box of the Art Institute, Kansas City and a leader in 4H work.

JOHN HOSEA SISK

John Hosea Sisk was born October 5, 1866 in the state of North Carolina near the town of Marion. His parents, Marion and Rachael Sisk, were the parents of thirteen children. They enjoyed life together on their tobacco farm. Summer evenings were spent quite often attending Camp Meetings. There was the preaching, of course, but the sound of music filled the air for miles around. Mr. Sisk's ambition was to get an education. When a young man, he with his brother, Robert packed their trunks and came to Cass County Missouri. He enrolled in the "Institute" at Warrensburg. He became a schoolteacher and taught twenty terms in rural schools in Cass and Bates counties. Dover, Schuyler and Number Eight were among those schools. Attendance was sometimes in the sixties and seventies.

Maysburg, Mo., a very small town now gone from the map, was the place where Mr. Sisk met his future wife, Bessie May White. She was born March 7, 1877 in the State of Indiana, daughter of Benjamin F. and Pernita White. They were farming people living in Cass and Bates counties their entire lives.

Mrs. Sisk had two sisters and one brother. As a young woman she did housework. Her longest period of service was for the Joseph C. Cartwright family. Mr. Cartwright was editor of "The Garden City Views" at the time Mr. and Mrs. Sisk were married. He wrote the wedding account praising Mrs. Sisk for her culinary arts. They were married August 23, 1899 in Maysburg, Mo. They started housekeeping in a house in the Number Eight School District where Mr. Sisk was teaching. There, their first child, Clifford (who now lives with wife Rozella in Dayton, Mo.) was born.

In the next few years, a decision was made to rent a farm about three miles East of Garden City and start farming. Three children were born here. Buford, with his wife Blanche, lives in Garden City now; Dottie, with husband Harold Gwinner, lives three miles West of Garden City; and Ivan with his wife Lucy, lives on the home place five miles East of Garden City.

In 1911 the family bought a 120 acre farm North East of Garden City, where three sons joined the family. They were Albert, who departed this life on January 21, 1937, a victim of leukemia; Richard with his wife, Wilma is engaged in farming and live on the farm first rented by the family; Eugene with his wife Pat, lives in Grandview where he is employed by the Hobart Company. Pat is a cook in the Grandview schools.

John Sisk departed this life at the age of 62 on October 18, 1928. Mrs. Sisk moved to a home in Garden City and spent her remaining years there, departing this life on September 21, 1951. They were members of the Garden City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) church. Mr. and Mrs. Sisk and Albert are buried in the Garden City cemetery.

ROBERT J. SITZES

Rachel Ruckel, daughter of Clarence and Clara (Little) Ruckel, married as her second husband, Robert J. Sitzes, of Sikeston, Missouri, in 1943. Before her marriage, Rachel attended Central College and graduated from St. Lukes' School of Nursing in Kansas City. Her first husband, Bentley Teaver, was killed in an army accident. Robert and Rachel Sitzes were the parents of five children; Jacob M. (Jay) (1945), Rae Ann (1946-1947), Robert William (1947), Edward A. (1948) and Susan Claire (1951). Jay Sitzes is a diesel engineer and, with his wife, lives in Alton, Illinois. He was honorably discharged from the army due to a hearing problem. Robert Sitzes was a paratrooper in Vietnam and, with his wife and daughter, Robyn, lives on and operates a farm belonging to the Sitzes family west of Sikeston, Mo. Edward Sitzes served in the medical Corps in Korea and is making the Army his career. He and his wife have a daughter, Christine. Susan Sitzes became a licensed Practical Nurse in 1972.

Since her husband's death in 1960, Rachel (Ruckel) Sitzes has been a public health nurse in the Scott County Health Department.

ALFRED GRUNDY SLOAN

Alfred Grundy Sloan and his young wife, Serepta Ann (White) Sloan set out to seek their fortune. They were pioneers from Kentucky migrating westward to Missouri in 1846-1847 by covered wagon and leading, sometimes riding, a black pony. It was a long journey and they endured many hardships. They first arrived in Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri. There they met an old Indian. They asked him to lead

them to land where water never failed. As a guide he led them to land in Cass County, north of Freeman, Missouri, where there they found twin springs. They gave the Indian the black pony they brought from Kentucky, in exchange for leading them to the land. Later they were granted land of 160 acres for a homestead. The original patent, an official document issued by the government, was printed on sheepskin and signed by President James K. Polk in 1848. They cleared the land and built a log cabin. A son and two daughters were born. They were all charter members of the Freeman Christian Church. They engaged in farming and livestock raising until 1863. During the Civil War the "Kansas Bushwhackers" came over the border burning and stealing. They came to the Sloan place, but the family hid in the small basement of the log cabin and they did not find them. In later years a large two-story frame house was built around the center section of the original log cabin. A large fruit orchard was planted. They also had bee hives and enjoyed delicious honey.

On December 25, 1877 a daughter Katherine (Katie) Sloan (1860-1952), in the same home where she was born, was married to Mark Filmore Tribby (1857-1943), son of pioneers from Kentucky, John G. Tribby and Almedia Jane Tribby. Mark and Katie (Sloan) Tribby purchased the homestead from the Sloan heirs and lived their entire married life on the homeplace. In 1927 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Katie Sloan Tribby in Freeman.

To this marriage was born four daughters and two sons. Elizabeth Geneva (Lizzie) married Charles Damon Lewis and they had a daughter, Eula, and twins, son and daughter, Damon and Dana (1910-1926). Eula married Henry E. Beck (1900-1965); second marriage to Delbert Wright. A son, Clyde Smith and wife Betty have two sons, Chad and Jason. Damon married Alma Kirk and they have a son, Charles Alan Lewis. A daughter, Charlesine, married Harry Guy and they have a daughter, Laurie Lee.

Elnora Myrtle married Francis (Frank) Arthur Johnson and they had three children, Leonard F., Dorothy and Marguerite. Leonard married Maxine Foust and they had two children, Gerald and Judith Lyn. Gerald married Nancy Ruhl and they had two sons, Michael Francis and Jeffery Dale and one daughter, Stephanie Diane. Judith married James A. Waters and they had one son, Glenn Alan, and one daughter, Susan Lyn.

Dorothy Johnson married Gorden Jeter and they had one daughter, Sandra Sue, who married Dr. Norman Stephenson and they have a son, Brian Glen.

Marguerite Johnson married Wayne A. Harris and they have two children, Ronald Wayne and Donna Cheryl. Ronald and his wife, Geneva, have two daughters, Kari Louise and Brandy Sue. Donna is married to Jerald Wayne Gilkeson and they have two sons, Seth Wayne and Laith Burns.

Joe C. Tribby married Effie Brown and they had two children, Joe Clifford and Mildred.

Marie Tribby married Leonard Duncan and they had two children, Larry and Jo Ann. Jo Ann married Bob Weddington and they have two children, Diane Marie and Robert Scott Weddington.

Lula Marie Tribby married Robert Leslie McGill and they had no children.

Jessie Otto Tribby and Jennie Mae Tribby never married.

After the death of Mark F. Tribby in 1943, they sold the homeplace and bought a home in Harrisonville, Missouri. Katie Sloan Tribby lived there until her death in 1952 at the age of 92 years.

GEORGE EVERETTE SLOAN

(1882-1962) was the son of Richard Wethers and Hyla Jane (Ward) Sloan. Richard W. was the son of Jeremiah X. and Martha (Wethers) Sloan, who were among the earliest settlers of Cass County, coming here in the early 1830s from Indiana. The story goes that on their journey from Indiana, the young couple came with nothing but a horse, a saddle, two trace chains and what they could carry. One trace chain and a stirrup from the saddle are still in the family, now belonging to George Sloan Terril, a great, great grandson.

Richard W. was a union soldier in the Civil War. He fought in the Battle of Lone Jack, being only eighteen years old at the time. He related many Civil War stories to his children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sloan and daughters.

Back to the George Sloan family — Mr. Sloan spent his entire life in Cass County. He was born at the old family homeplace, northeast of Pleasant Hill, near the Sloan cemetery. He had four brothers: Newton; Wilson; Andrew and Bert, two sisters: Estella (Sloan) Marriott; Nell (Sloan) DeJarnett, a half-brother John Sloan and a half-sister Margaret (Sloan) Akins.

On March 11, 1903, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage to Anna Belle Turner of Ray County, Missouri. She was the daughter of Lewis A. and Alice (Dagley) Turner.

In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan purchased the Crandall property in Old Town, Pleasant Hill, and lived there the rest of their lives. They have two daughters, Viola Fern and Alice Marie. Mrs. Sloan died in 1966. Mr. Sloan was a farmer and stockman. At one time, he also owned and operated the slaughter house in Old Town. He was a deacon and a trustee in the First Christian Church of Pleasant Hill.

Viola married Glenn H. Terril in June, 1926 and they have always lived in Pleasant Hill. Mr. Terril was an electrician. He died in 1974. They have five children: Fern Ann, Glenn Alan, George Sloan, Garnett R. and Barbara Kay. Fern Ann married Lloyd H. Elliott and their children are: Karen, married Jay P. Bunch (they have a daughter, Carrie Elaine); Linda, married Douglas Kruse; Dale; Dennis; and Loraine. Glenn Alan married Darlene Shorten (they have two daughters, Sheri, married Larry Oliver, and Vicki). George S., married Virginia Doris (their children are: James, married Michelle Schmitt; Richard; Julie and Nancy). Garnett R., married Mary Lou Walker (they have two sons: Gregory and Ryan). Barbara, married Norville E. Neill (they have a daughter, Erin and a son, Gavin).

Alice married Lloyd W. Smith in January, 1942, and they have always lived in Cass County. Mr. Smith was a farmer. He died in 1966. They have three children: Lloyd Randall, married to Leola Bowerman; Diana, married to Jerry Barbarick; and Carol. Lloyd R. has a daughter, Kristen and an adopted son, Jeff, both from a former marriage to Donna (Green) Walker. Diana has a daughter, Sharalie and two step-children, Ricky and Debbie Barbarick.

JAMES WALTER SLOAN

James Walter Sloan (1874-1967) was one of six children born to Wilson Scott Sloan (1839-1938) and Nannie E. Temple (1846-1907). His grandparents were Jeremiah Xenophon Sloan (1809-1891), born in Barron County, Kentucky, and Martha Wethers (1811-1849).

Jeremiah X. and wife came from Crawford County, Indiana, to Independence, Jackson County, in 1830, moving three years later to Van Buren County, now Cass. They settled on land about three miles northeast of the present town of Pleasant Hill. Wilson Scott was one of ten children born to them. The mother and four children died during the cholera plague of 1848. When a new log house was built later, Wilson S. and a brother, Richard, hauled sand with ox teams from the Missouri River to build the fireplace. Here the family lived during the Civil War.

Wilson Scott, in 1863, was married to Nannie E. Temple, daughter of Augustus and Sarah Oldham Temple. They built a home on adjoining land about one-half mile from the original home. Here their six children were born: William R., Charles F., Leonard, James Walter, May and Mattie Bell, who died at the age of five. After the death of his wife in 1907, Wilson S. made his home with his son, James Walter, where he died in 1938, within a mile of his birthplace.

James Walter in 1898 married Vivian Edna Ward, daughter of David M. and Ellen Jane Hendrix Ward, who came from Hendrix, Virginia. After living a short time in Kansas City and briefly in Stafford, Kansas, they returned and built their home on a part of the Sloan land about one-fourth mile from his birthplace and about one mile from the original Sloan settlement. Two sons were born of this union: Tod Henderson and Ray Ward. Tod H. was born in Kansas City in 1899, Ray Ward in 1901 at the home in Pleasant Hill, where he lives at the present time.

Tod Henderson, in 1928, married Gladys M. Blake, daughter of Sidney R. and Sarah Shelton Blake. He built their home also on the Sloan land about one-fourth mile from his father's place and about one mile from his great grandparents' original settlement. As with his parents and grandparents, farming has been his life. They have one son, James Blake, born at the home in 1929.

James Blake was married to Rose Marie Owen in 1949. Their children are: Clinton Lyle, Jack Alan and twins, Eugene Blake and Sharon Lea. In 1965 he was married to Mary Lou Koger, of Buckner. Their home is in Pleasant Hill.

JOSEPH BERT SLOAN

Joseph Bert Sloan born March 12, 1885 to Richard W. and Hyla J. Sloan in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, Cass County.

On December 4, 1912, he was united in marriage with Ella Vyra Rice, Raytown, Missouri, Jackson County.

To them were born two daughters and a son: Ella Virginia Sloan, Oct. 26, 1913 (M-Land-Ziefle); Mary Elizabeth Sloan, June 30, 1929 (M-William-Rhebrandt); son died at birth.

Mr. Sloan was a farmer all his life. The first twelve years of his marriage was spent in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, on the old Sloan Homestead, and the remainder of his life was spent in Lee's Summit, Missouri, where he purchased a farm and moved in the spring of 1924.

He was a president of the Storms school board of Pleasant Hill, Missouri and the Tennison School Board in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and a member of the Citizens Protective Association whose primary purpose was to catch horse and chicken thieves. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit, where he was active.

Being interested in his friends' health he used to make a green salve which was used by many as a cure for cuts and sores.

Mr. Sloan passed away February 20, 1950, and was buried in the Sloan Family Cemetery east of Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

NEWTON WALKER SLOAN

Newton Walker Sloan (1873-1938) was one of the seven children of Richard Wethers Sloan (1844-1926) and Hyla Jane Ward (1850-1927). His grandparents were Jeremiah Xenophon Sloan (1809-1891), born in Barron County Kentucky, and Martha Wethers (1811-1849). They came to Missouri from Crawford County, Indiana in the early 1830's with little more than ambition. His great grandparents were Archibald and Rebecca Sloan, who went from North Carolina to Kentucky in 1806. His great, great grandparents were John Sloan

(1740-1780) and Mary Green Sloan. John was a captain, who lost his life in the Revolutionary War.

Jeremiah X., in 1833, settled on land in what was then Van Buren County and in 1840 entered this land from the government. Sloan families lived on this land for generations. Newton was born here. The Cholera plague in the late 1840's took the lives of five members of Jeremiah's family; thus began the Sloan Cemetery which is located on the farm three miles north east of Pleasant Hill. Newton is buried there.

Newton's first wife was Jalie Beeman. Their son, Harry Dennis, who died in Michigan in 1940, was married to Lorena Gilfillan and had a daughter, Loretta.

After his first wife's death, Newton married Cynthia Ann Marriott (1873-1961), daughter of Patrick H. and Josephine Boarman Marriott, who came to Missouri from Meade County Kentucky. To this union six children were born: Rose Mildred, George Lloyd, Mary Margaret, Francis Hubert and twin sons, Richard Columbus and Patrick Wilson.

Mildred married Edgar S. Roberts. Lloyd married Hester Houston. They have two sons, Robert Allen, who married Opal Jean Twitchel, and Gerald Lee, who married Gertrude Lydia Hoppe. Robert and Jean have a daughter, Carol, married to Dennis Steele. They reside in Nebraska and have a baby son, Andrew Brian. Gerald and Gertrude have a daughter, Mendy, whose husband is Donald Stewart, and a son Steven A. Sloan. Mary Margaret married Wallace Walker. Their home is on part of the original land grant of the Sloan family. Hubert married Lola Pelsor. They have three children, Lorene, who married Loren Cantrell and had two children, Kenneth and Linda; Roy Francis, now of Maryland, and Patricia Ann, who married Richard Alexander. Their two children are Richard F. and LeAnn.

Richard C., who served with the 5th Army in World War II, married Lesta Lambert. Their children are a son, Wallace, married to Shirley Martin, with children Jeffery and Patricia, and a daughter, Judith, married to David Herman with a daughter, Jennifer. Richard died in Michigan in 1972. Patrick W. married Ruth Clawson. Their children are William Richard, Joyce Ann, Loren Albert, Margaret Kay and Phyllis. William R. married Delores Knox and they have a son, Brian. Joyce Ann married Billy Windes and they have two sons, Patrick and Jason.

Loren served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam where he was severely wounded and later died in El Paso, Texas. His children are Bruce and Jayne, whose mother was Linda Parris, and Richard and Deloris, whose mother was Teresa Devilgarde. Margaret K. married James L. Sanders. Their children are Annette and Brooks. Phyllis and husband, John Dillon, have a baby daughter, Erin Ruth.

Newton Sloan's sister, Estell, married his wife Cynthia's brother, Terrence Marriott. Their first children, girls, were born on same day.

ALEXANDER JOHNSON SMALL

A. J. Small, a prominent farmer and stockman, was born near Baxter Springs, Kansas, in 1866. He was the son of James and Verlinda (Ingrum) Small.

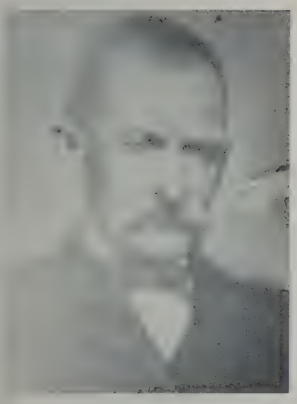
James was a native of Kentucky, Verlinda was born in Lafayette, Missouri. They were parents of the following children: Betty Armstrong died in Saline County, Missouri. Mrs. Eva Webster, who resided in Wichita, Kansas, Johana died at age three, and A. J. was the youngest child.

James first located in Polk Township, lived there five years and located in Big Creek. Purchased 20 acres from Daniel Peck. James died in 1876, Verlinda died in 1909.

A. J. Small was a general farmer and stockman. He raised both dairy and beef cattle and Duroc hogs. Mr. Small married Nannie Smith in 1892, daughter of John Caven Smith of Big Creek Township. Mr. Smith, a pioneer, came to this section of the state prior to the Civil War. When Order Number Eleven was issued he went to Centralia, Missouri, and stayed until the close of the war. He and wife Nancy McAninch, daughter of Jonathan and Telithia were the parents of the following children: Telithia, who married Irvin Payne, Lucy, who married Lee Berry, she died in 1913, George, who lived in Pleasant Hill, married Pearl Smith, and Cora who died at three years of age. All were born at Pleasant Hill. To A. J. and Nannie Smith Small ten children were born: Lola, Alma, Claude, George, Pearl, A. J., Jr., Nannie, Lillie, Linnie and John. Lola married Jess Hayes and to this union eight children were born. Audrey, Evelyn, Jess, Jay, Ruth, A. J., Jerry and Jerroll. Alma married Clarence Parris and they had three daughters: Noma, Waunetta, and Eva. Claude, a bachelor died in 1933 at age 37. George married Emma Parris and they had four children; Dolores, Victor Lyle, who lived one day and twins Ila Jean and Lila June. Ila Jean died at nine months of age. Pearl married Hobert Milican to which union four children were born; Hobert, Ray, Della, Verna, who died at four and one half years of age, and Nyla. Hobert died in 1926. Pearl married Lonie James, and to them were born five children, Alberta, Lonie, Johnnie, Alma, and Ronald. A. J. Jr., married Bonetha Hamilton. They had four children; Joyce, Sandra, A. J., III, and Judith. Nannie married Lewis Mitchell. They were the parents of three children; Milton, who died at age eleven, Arlen, and Sue. Lillie married Owen Barrow. They had three daughters; Carol, Anita and Vicki. Linnie married Donald A. Dickerson and they had two children, Donald, Jr., and Mary. John, who married Anna Fredrickson, had one son, John, Jr. At the time of the death of A. J. Small, Sr., in 1946, he had acquired 680 acres of land. Mrs. Donald Dickerson, Sr., still owns part of the first 20 acres that James Small had owned. It has been in the family 109 years. Nannie Small died in 1949. Alma, George, A.J. Jr., and John have all died. At this time the remaining children all reside within Cass County.

FRANCIS ALVIN "FRANK" SMITH

In his day Francis Alvin (Frank) Smith was a well-known Pleasant Hill, Missouri man. He was born March 22, 1859 in Adams County Ohio, the son of Samuel M. Smith and Amanda Silcott, both of Ohio; his paternal grandparents were Squire Smith and Nancy Blair also from Ohio. Frank was the oldest of four children, his siblings being Granville Moody, Anna, and Ella. His mother died when he was ten years old; the family moved to RockPort, Atchison County, Missouri.



Francis Alvin Smith.

Frank began to do for himself, first working on farms and later as a clerk in a store. Although prevented from attending school very regularly, he did attend RockPort Seminary and through his experience gained a good practical knowledge of business in various lines. His occupation involved fruit and stock raising. Frank was a man of quiet life, well known and highly respected.

On September 3, 1882 he married Nancy Ann Handley at RockPort, Missouri. She was born April 1, 1857 near Brownville Nebraska, the daughter of Archibald Handley and Anna Croslin. They resided in Atchison County for about eight years, lived for a time in Johnson County, then moved to a farm just outside Pleasant Hill, Missouri off the old Harrisonville Road; their children attended school in Pleasant Hill. Both Frank and Nancy united in their early years with the M.E. Church.

In 1917 they moved to a farm near Topeka, but shortly afterward Nancy became ill and they moved into Kansas City to be closer to doctors. She died in Kansas City June 22, 1919. The next year Frank lived with his daughter Glessie and her family in Cisco, Texas. He returned to Missouri in 1920 for a visit, had a stroke, and died August 21, 1920 in Kansas City. Both Frank and Nancy were buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Five daughters and fourteen grandchildren were born to this union. (1) Jennie was born July 14, 1883 at RockPort Missouri and died March 24, 1962. She married Nathaniel Hawthrone Landes and they had one daughter, Bette Jane. (2) Louella Blanche was born April 18, 1887 at RockPort Missouri and died February 22, 1970. She married Harry Clay of Pleasant Hill and had one daughter, Frances Hope. After his death she married Harrison Talaska Rolley and two daughters and one son were born to this union: Nancy Elizabeth, Barbara Jean, and Harrison Talaska Jr. (3) Glesner Francis (Glessie) was born November 26, 1890 at Linden Missouri and died August 27, 1972. She married James Atkinson Henley Jr. of Pleasant Hill. At the time of her marriage she was teaching school in Pleasant Hill. Two daughters and two sons were born into this family — Helen Ann, James Frank, Margaret Sue, and Jack. (4) Mary Geneva was born in Johnson county Missouri October 2, 1894 and died December 5, 1974. She married James William Adams and they had one son, Frank. (5) Pauline Anne was born in Johnson county on February 16, 1898 and died April 30, 1965. She married James Ewing Aldridge and they had four children — James Ewing Jr., Jo Ann, Nanette, and Patricia Ann.

GEORGE J. SMITH

George J. Smith, a resident of Cass Co., was born February 28, 1894. His parents were John Joel and Ella O. (Brown) Smith. His father was born Sept. 4, 1854, in Lexington, Kentucky, and his mother March 24, 1867, near Pleasanton, Kansas.

G.J. graduated from El Dorado Springs, Mo. High School in 1912, and from Central Missouri State Teachers College. He taught at Bevier, Mo. for one and a half years before serving in the U.S. Navy, 1917-1919.

After World War I he was Superintendent of Schools at Bosworth, Mo., Raymore, Mo. and at Belton, Mo. While teaching he pursued the study of law and was admitted to the Bar in 1936. He was elected Probate Judge of Cass County in 1934. In 1946 the Magistrate Court of Cass County was added to the Probate office. Smith retired from the Probate and Magistrate office in 1962.

He served in many capacities in the Harrisonville and Cass County community, among which are the Harrisonville Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Selective Service, World War I Veterans, Orient Cemetery Association and other civic organizations.

G.J. married Myrtle Ann Jackson, daughter of Thomas J. Jackson and Alice Jane (Dobyns) Jackson, May 20, 1919. Her father was born Sept. 9, 1867 near El Dorado Springs, Mo., and her mother June 3, 1870, in Illinois.

Myrtle taught in the Missouri public schools, served in the Baptist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Parent Teachers Associations, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Coterie, P.E.O. and Eastern Star.

G.J. and Myrtle are the parents of four children; Joel Harold, Lawrence Jackson, Mary Ann and Nancy Luverne.

J. Harold was born June 5, 1924, at El Dorado Springs, Mo. He graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1941, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. He attended Dartmouth College, Midshipman School at Harvard University and graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1949. Harold married Mildred May Hayes in 1949. He became a builder and is owner of J. Harold Smith Real Estate. Harold and Mildred are the parents of Laurence Dean Smith and Dorothy June Eisel.

Lawrence was born in Belton, November 16, 1926. He graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1944 and attended William Jewell College until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Following the war he attended the University of Missouri and was a member of the Naval Reserve. Lawrence lost his life in an airplane accident on March 7, 1948.

Mary Ann was born in Belton, August 3, 1929. She graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1946 and Central Missouri State College in 1950. She taught art, commerce, and social studies. She married Floyd J. Theiss in 1950, and they live on a farm in the Lee's Summit school district. They are the parents of John Lawrence, David James, Nancy Ann, Mary Jo, and Thomas Edward.

Nancy Luverne was born in Belton, August 5, 1933. She graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1951 and from Central Missouri State College in 1955. She studied one year at the University of Melbourne in Australia on a Fulbright Scholarship. She taught in San Leandro, Calif., Columbia,

Mo. and the State University of Iowa. She received a master's degree there in 1959 and married Dudley Stephen Childress in 1959. Nancy and Dudley are the parents of two sons, Stephen Smith and Malcolm Dudley.

GEORGE RUSKIN SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. George Ruskin Smith and daughters, Inez, now Mrs. Roy Klesath, and Sylvia, deceased, came to Raymore Township in 1918. The farm home, a lovely southern mansion type house, is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Peterson. Another daughter, Carol, was born in this house. She married Ralph Huber, who died in 1968. The Smith daughters graduated from Raymore high school, their father being a school board member for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were both active members of the Order of Eastern Star of Raymore and attended continuously until their death. The Smiths came from Valley Center, Kansas but they felt the Raymore community had much to offer. In the year 1939, they sold the farm where they resided and moved to their other farm home in the northern edge of Raymore Township. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1941 and Mr. Smith in 1949.

Both Inez, who is associated with Crest Realty, and Carol reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Smith.

JAMES MADISON SMITH

James Madison Smith, (b. Tenn. 2 Sept. 1811, d. 21 Sept. 1872) son of William and Susannah Smith emigrated to Cass County from Tennessee sometime during the early 1800's. 1 July 1850 he married Eliza Endicott at Carthage, Mo., who was his third wife. (b. 27 Jan. 1828, d. 11 Aug. 1913). J. M. Smith owned a section of land north of Harrisonville about eight miles, in the old Knight School district. Part of the land was acquired by a land grant and the rest he purchased from Fleming Harris in the early 1850's. There is a Smith Cemetery located on this property.

J. M. served during the Civil War in the Missouri Home Guards from 1861-1864, part of that time under Captain Robinson. He took a vital part in the community. The Youngers and James Bros. were neighbors and many events happened between the families. A diary, now in the hands of the family, has the following affidavit dated 27 July 1869: "That three men of said name Cole, Bud and John Younger stopped at the house of Mr. Knight and in conversation informed him that they would kill Mr. J. Smith on first sight, he also told me that Mr. Smith was the cause of the death of the old man Younger. Cole Younger told Mr. Knight that the said Smith sent a party of soldiers to follow his father out of Kansas City and shot him in his carriage on his way home. etc." Signed Augustus Quarles.

J. M. and Eliza had eleven children, some died in infancy: Catherine (Ensign); Nancy (Pierman-Quarles); Neplia (Nev); America (Burden); John; Mary Martha (Hilterbrand); Will; James; Joseph; twins, Genetta and Merlisa and Ida Bell (Shelton) all born at the home place.

JOHN WATSON SMITH

John Watson Smith was born in West Line, Cass County, Missouri, on October 23, 1870. He was a citizen of West Dolan Township. His father was Charles C. Smith and his mother was Mary C. (Shaler) Smith. He had one sister, Mrs. Sarah Ann Jordon, and six brothers, Peter C., James S., Frank F., Fernando C., Charles A. and Liggon W. There were three other children who did not make their stay in this world long. He owned 80 acres of land in West Dolan Township northeast of Lisle by the old Dodger Point school house, which he farmed. Farming was his sole occupation. His nickname was "Shorty", although I don't know why for he only stood six feet six and one-half inches tall.

Charles C. Smith.

John married Sarah Malinda (Mills) on Sept. 20, 1903, at West Line, Missouri, he being at the age of 33 and she being 18. This home was blessed by fourteen children, six of whom are now gone, twin brother and sister who were never named; Katherine Irene, who lived two years; Mary Esther, who lived only eight months; Ora Emmett, who lived to be twenty-five years and then fell out of a tree and died from his injury. The latest death was William Alfred, who lost his life due to a heart attack at the age of fifty-seven. The eight living children are: Mrs. Clara Taylor, Charles R. Smith, Henry (Hank) E.

Smith, Mrs. Alice Pfannes, Mrs. Sarah (Jo) Baker, John L. Smith, Louis J. Smith and Mrs. Lucy Crawford.

John was laid to rest at the Shaler Cemetery on July 30, 1928, at the age of 57 years, 9 months, 8 days, as are most of the ancestors and some of the descendants. The Shaler Cemetery is located south of the old Shaler home in West Dolan Township. It is a beautiful cemetery and kept up now by the family of John Watson and Sarah Smith. After John's death Sarah married Charles Milton Kern on December 23, 1938. Sarah passed away on January 29, 1969, at the age of 84, and she is laid to rest at the Shaler Cemetery.

The Shaler Cemetery is over a century old. The spot for this family cemetery was chosen by Nathan Tyler Shaler. It is a knoll in the pasture where high flood water never reaches, although the corn field and pasture around it have been overflowed and covered with water a number of times. The cemetery knoll towers above the water so it was well and carefully chosen.

NEV SMITH

Nev Smith (b. 9 Oct. 1854 d. 12 Nov. 1891) owned a farm in the old Knight School district, Peculiar Twp., married Annie Robinson, daughter of Captain Alexander Robinson, who served in the Missouri Home Guards during the Civil War. Nev Smith was killed by Joe Arnold in front of what used to be the Old Terrell Hotel just off the square on North Independence St. Nov. 12, 1891. A sensational trial of Arnold was held in March of 1892 attracting state wide attention.

Nev and Annie Smith were parents of nine children all born at the old home place: Jessie Madison, a giant for his time, being 7 ft. tall; Addie Ellen (Rooks); Eliza Josephine; Gabril Alexander; Albert; Pearl (Rimel); James; Harry and Nevel Otis, born after his father was killed.

ROBERT WALLIS SPANGLER

Robert Wallis Spangler, Harrisonville, Missouri, is a partner in the law firm of Crouch, Crouch, Spangler & Douglas, Harrisonville, Missouri. He was born February 26, 1927, in Fields Creek Township, Henry County, Missouri, on the Lindsay farm, the son of James Savage Spangler (1889-1943), farmer and stockman, and Rubie Royston Spangler (nee Lindsay). He was educated in the public schools in Clinton and graduated in 1944 from Clinton High School. He attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and received his A.B. in Political Science from the University of Illinois on February 2, 1947, and his L.L.B. from the University of Missouri (Columbia) on June 7, 1949. He practiced law in Clinton, Missouri, with his cousin, the Honorable Charles Augustus Calvird, former Judge of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit, under the firm name of Calvird and Spangler until January 1, 1955, at which time he became associated with Leslie M. Crouch, (1872-1966) and L. M. Crouch, Jr., in the firm of Crouch, Crouch, & Spangler. He is licensed to practice in all the State Courts of Missouri, the United States Western District Court for the Western District of Missouri, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Interstate Commerce Commission. From 1955 to 1965, he served as city attorney for Harrisonville.

On August 5, 1950, he was married to Nancy Elizabeth Gaines and there were two children born: Charles Gaines Spangler, born May 29, 1951, at Clinton, Missouri, received his A.B. from the University of Missouri (Columbia) 1973 and is presently a 1st Lieutenant, U.S.A., married to 1st Lieutenant Martha Spangler (nee Gunn) of Versailles, Missouri, and a daughter, Nancy Deliza Spangler, born October 8, 1953, at Clinton, Missouri, a graduate of Lindenwood Colleges and presently a graduate student at Princeton Seminary.

On October 27, 1959, he married Elizabeth Childs Spangler (nee Childs) of Pompano Beach, Florida, and they have one son, Robert Wallis Spangler, II, born June 10, 1961, Harrisonville, Missouri.

He is a member of Cass Lodge #147, AF & AM, and other Masonic bodies, including the Ararat Shrine, Alpha Tau Omega Social Fraternity, and the Harrisonville United Methodist Church where he has been a choir member since 1955. He is the Past-President of the Harrisonville Lions Club, Past-Commander of Hurley Lee Spicer Post of the American Legion, Past-President of the Cass County Bar Association, and presently a member of the Judicial Committee of the 17th Judicial Circuit. He is a member of the Missouri Integrated Bar, the Cass County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and Phi Delta Phil Legal Fraternity.

Since 1968, he has served as a Director of the Cass County Bank, Peculiar, Missouri; and since 1965, he has been President of the Cass County Title Company, Harrisonville, Missouri.

His maternal great grandfather, Reuben Taylor Lindsay, with his widowed mother, Sarah Wall Lindsay, his brothers, Joshua, James, Morrison, and Robert, and his sister, Missouri Adeline, became the second permanent settlers in 1839 of Fields Creek Township, Henry County, Missouri, on lands the family yet owns and farms, and served with Parsons Brigade, CSA. His great uncle, James D. Lindsay, served as a Commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court from 1923-1931.

His maternal great grandfather, Edmund C. Royston, M.D., (1830-1898) practiced medicine at Huntingdale, Henry County, Missouri, and served as surgeon to the Missouri State Militia and 1st Missouri Rovers, CSA, and was a descendant of Colonel Peter Presley (1656-1750), Northumberland County, Virginia, who served as Justice, sheriff, Colonel of the Militia, and member of the Virginia House of Burgesses and was a grandson of William Presley (-1655).

His paternal grandfather, Levi Augustus (Gus) Spangler (1850-1928) was the son of Lewis Spangler and Harriet Searles. His grandfather's brother, Norval Spangler, served with distinction as Captain, Company E, First and Fourth Missouri Brigades Consolidated, CSA, and was killed in action May 16, 1963, near Vicksburg, Mississippi; United Confederate Veterans Camp #678 at Clinton was named the Norval Spangler Camp. His great grandfather, Lewis, was imprisoned by the Federals during the war. After the war, Lewis and Harriet with their oldest son, Dave Spangler (1840-1916), settled south of Freeman in Cass County, Missouri, and they are buried in the Freeman Cemetery.

His paternal grandmother, Frances Spangler (nee Houston) (1863-1935), wife of Levi A., was a descendant of Captain Matthew Arbuckle (1730-1781), Virginia.

DAVID JAMESON STARK

David Jameson Stark and his wife, Mildred Bland, came to Cass County in 1852 from Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Kentucky, and settled near West Line. They entered several tracts of land. Their children were: Elizabeth Adeline, married William Duvall first, William P. Davidson second; Nancy married G. B. (Doc) Peterson; William Rodham married Mary E. Crenshaw; Rhode married Martha Jane Zion; Dan and John were killed in the Civil War; Penelope died young; David died April 3, 1886; and Mildred died May 5, 1880. Both are buried in the Freeman Cemetery. They were members of the Mound Pleasant Baptist Church at Jonesville.

David's brother, James, was founder of the Stark Nursery. A brother, Rhode, remained in Kentucky.

Grandchildren were: David William, John Thomas and Eleanor Dian Duvall; Edmonia Glenore (Nora) Davidson; Mattie; Lizzie; Mrs. Thomas Duncan, Mrs. M. L. Settle, Thomas J.; David J.; Charles and William Peterson; David, James, M. N., E. L., Stella, Galen, W. R., Daniel, and Louis, children of William: and John, Nancy, Annie, children of Rhode.

ELIJAH H. STARK

Born in Hardin County, Kentucky, April 20, 1867. He came to Missouri when he was 21 years old and worked on a farm for Mr. William Stark. His entire life was devoted to agriculture, in which he achieved success and found much satisfaction.

On January 22, 1893, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Morrison of near West Line. In 1900, they established their home on the homestead of her father, Elam Morrison, three miles southwest of Freeman, where they spent 55 years together. They were the parents of 10 children. Two sons, James W. and Elijah W., died when 5 and 4 years old, leaving 5 daughters and 3 sons: Amelia Ruth, Mary Elizabeth, Esther Maye, Sarah Adeline and Ethel Gladys. Raymond Lee, Cecil H., and Lowell Wayne.

HARDIN STEELE

Hardin Steele, birth and death dates unknown, came to Missouri from Kentucky about the year 1827 and located in Callaway County. He was one of the pioneers there and also of Jackson County where he moved in 1836. He married Minnie Ann Howell, a Kentuckian, prior to migrating to Missouri. Of this union, 4 sons were born: Jack; Francis Marion, born 21 December 1833 — died 28 January 1917; Acey; James Polk, born 15 January 1845 — died 2 December 1892.

Hardin Steele married Jane Harr (Eacott), born 28 May 1815 in the state of Pennsylvania, and of this union had 3 more sons: Alven Harden, born 24 August 1851 — died 2 January 1930; Issac (Ike), born 1854 — died 25 December 1948; Larken, birth and death dates unknown.

Frank and Mary Steele.

Alven Harden Steele, born 24 August 1851 at 12th Street and Jackson Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, died 2 January 1930 and is interred in the Lee's Summit Cemetery, Lee's Summit, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Baker Whitehead, daughter of Francis and Sarah Elizabeth Whitehead, on 8 September 1875. She died 11 April 1930 and is also interred in the Lee's Summit Cemetery. Of this union 6 children were born: Francis Hardin Steele, born 8 July 1876 — died 21 April 1953; Walter Issac Steele, born 8 August 1878 — died 23 December 1955; John Oscar Steele, born 21 February 1881 — died 20 August 1963; Hattie Mary Steele, born 16 November 1883 — died 13 March 1925; Lee Alvin Steele, born 8 September 1888 — died 21 November 1910; Elizabeth Jane Steele, born 12 November 1890 — died 23 November 1972.

Francis Hardin Steele, born 8 July 1876 in Blue Springs, Missouri, died 21 April 1953 and is interred in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, Missouri. He married Mary Elizabeth Bunnell on 1 October 1914. She was born 23 March 1896 and died 3 July 1958. She is also interred in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Of this union 6 children were born: Marion Francis Steele, born 16 November 1915 — died 15 December 1954; Alvin Hardin Steele, born 28 August 1917; Martin Everett Steele, born 16 November 1919; Lale Randolph Steele, born 3 September 1921; Bessie May Steele, born 30 October 1929; Billy Ray Steele, born 28 April 1937.

Lale Randolph Steele, born 3 September 1921 in Greenwood, Missouri, married Rosalie Ann Mullen, daughter of Wilkes and Gertrude Mullen, 1 May 1947. Of this union 3 children: Allen Dean Steele, born 29 May 1948; Francis Wayne Steele, born 28 February 1950; Marcella Ann Steele, born 23 May 1956.

Allen Dean Steele, born 29 May 1948 in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, married Sheryl Sue Cantrell, daughter of Emmette D. and Dorsella Cantrell, on 4 May 1969 in Archie, Missouri. She was born 28 August 1948 at the Bates County Memorial Hospital, Butler, Missouri. Of this union, at the time of this writing, they have one child: Brian Allen Steele, born 17 November 1972 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. Moved to Cass County, Missouri in January 1973.

GERHART G. STEINBRUECK

The Steinbrueck family of Belton, originated with Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart G. Steinbrueck. He was the seventh of eight

children of Mr. and Mrs. Christian G. Steinbrueck, and was born November 5, 1895, in Milstadt, Illinois. They moved to a farm near Blackburn, Missouri in 1899, where he resided until enlisting in the United States Army during World War I. After his return from military service, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he attended business college and was employed by the Commerce Trust Company.

On September 10, 1922, he was married to Hattie H. Schwartz. She was born in Elbing, Germany on January 27, 1902 and came to this country with her parents in 1908, where they moved to a farm near Olathe, Kansas.

They are the parents of Francis G. (Jun) and Robert E. (Bob) Steinbrueck who own Steinbrueck's, Inc. furniture and home furnishings store at 316 Main Street. They moved to Belton in 1929, when Mr. Steinbrueck purchased a hardware store from Hill, Hunter, and Thompson, and the business name of the store, called Belton Hardware and Furniture Company, was changed to Steinbrueck's in 1950, and was incorporated in 1962. At the present time, Steinbrueck's Inc. is the oldest retail business in Belton. In 1965 G.G. Steinbrueck retired, and since 1974, he and his wife have resided at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit.

Jun and Bob attended Belton schools and graduated respectively in 1941 and 1944. Jun attended Baker University and Park College, and served with the United States Navy from 1943-1946. Bob served with the United States Navy from 1944-1946, and graduated from Baker University in 1949.

Jun married Paulene Spurlock of Versailles, Missouri in 1946. They are the parents of three children: Paula Ruth, June Anne, and James William, all of whom attended Belton schools graduating respectively in 1967, 1972, and 1973.

Paula attended Southwest Missouri State University and Metropolitan Junior College, and married Raymond Dale of Kansas City, Missouri in December of 1970. She is employed by Marion Labs Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri.

Anne married Dennis Jeter of Raymore, Missouri in June of 1975, and is presently employed at the Missouri License Bureau.

Bill entered the United States Air Force in 1973, and has been stationed in Germany since February of 1976.

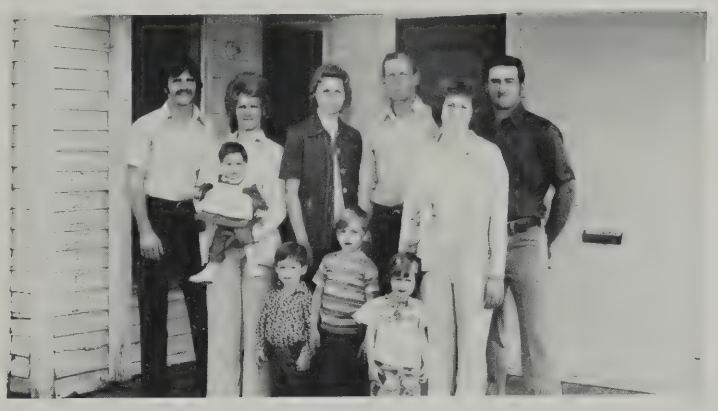
Bob married Elinor Merry of Kansas City, Missouri in June of 1949. They are the parents of two children: Janice Sue and Diane Kay who attended schools in Hickman Mills, graduating in 1969 and 1971.

Janice attended Baker University and graduated in 1973. She married Roy Robertson of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania in June of 1973, and is an elementary teacher at Truman Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Diane also attended Baker University and graduated in 1975. She is employed as an elementary teacher at Scott Elementary School in Belton, Missouri.

ALBERT HOWARD STEVENS

Albert Howard Stevens was born February 7, 1847, at Corydon, Indiana. Died April 22, 1925. He married Mahettable Hayden, born November 19, 1841, at Cecilia Kentucky. Died February 27, 1927. To this union were born six children. In 1872 Albert, his wife, Mahettable, and a year old son, George Leslie Stevens, moved to Missouri. They traveled by train to Pleasant Hill, Missouri, then by stage coach to Austin, Missouri. Where they bought 120 acres of prairie grass land, about four miles north of Austin. The rest of their family were born on this farm. Charles Hayden Stevens, William Blansett Stevens, Mary Letitia Stevens, Daniel Alexander Stevens, and Maria Louise Stevens, who died at the early age of ten years. For many years Albert Stevens operated the post office at Austin, Missouri.



Albert Howard Stevens Family.

George Leslie Stevens, born March 5, 1871, at Cecilia, Kentucky. died March 25, 1958. He married Myrtle Belle Burget, born December 1, 1875, at Austin, Missouri. Died February 11, 1912. To this union were born three children, Mildred Freda Stevens, Wallace Howard Stevens and a baby daughter, who died in infancy. George was a farmer and stock raiser, near Austin; also taking active part in political and community affairs. The unfortunate early loss of his wife, Myrtle, made it necessary for him to rear his two children alone.

Wallace Howard Stevens, born March 12, 1905, near Austin, Missouri, married Elfreda Margaret Oehmke, born February 1, 1900, at Marcus, Iowa. To this union one son was born, Harris Oehmke Stevens. Howard was a farmer most of his life, operating a farm near Austin. In the 1930's he worked a few years for the railroad, laying track. A light heart attack forced Howard to give up farming, and in 1959 Howard and his wife, Freda, bought a home in Latour, Missouri, where they were both employed at the Latour School. A few years later Howard was employed by the Holden School, until his death in 1965. At that time Freda went to live with her son, Harris, and his family, until her death in 1969.

Harris Oehmke Stevens, born October 27, 1931, near Austin, Missouri, married Jacqueline Rosina Rustin, born June 12, 1935, at Norwich, England. To this union two daughters were born. Rhonda Sue Stevens and Deborah Gail Stevens. Harris attended grade school at Farmers View School for eight years, and attended high school at Garden City High School, graduating in 1949. After truck driving for three years, in 1952 Harris decided to farm. At the present time he is still operating the same farm near Austin.

Rhonda Sue Stevens, born June 30, 1952, at Harrisonville, Missouri, married John Raymond Morgan, born April 1, 1948, at Butler, Missouri. To this union were born two children, John Christopher Morgan and Rebecca Jean Morgan. Rhonda attended grade school at Garden City, and high

school at Sherwood High School, Creighton, graduating in 1970. At the present time John and Rhonda are operating a farm five miles south west of Garden City.

Deborah Gail Stevens, born January 14, 1954, at Harrisonville, Missouri, married Ronald Gayle Morgan, born January 2, 1951, at Butler, Missouri. To this union were born two children, Clint Andrew Morgan and Stephanie Gail Morgan. Deborah attended grade school at Graden City, and high school at Sherwood High School, Creighton, graduating in 1972. At the present time Ronald and Deborah are living near Garden City, Missouri. Ronald is employed at Pitman Manufacturing Co. Grandview, Missouri. Deborah is attending Beauty College at Grandview.

Rhonda Sue and Deborah Gail are the last generation of the George Leslie Stevens branch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Donald Stewart.

DONALD STEWART

The Stewarts are native Western Missourians. William Donald Stewart was born July 19, 1901 near Lake City. He was reared on a farm north of Blue Springs near the place of his birth. His father, Melvin S. Stewart (1876-1945), was a farmer, live stock dealer and merchant. His mother, Mattie Knowles Stewart (1881-1950), was a teacher before her marriage. Donald Stewart's maternal lineage traces back to the Mayflower and his father's ancestors were early settlers of Indiana and Kentucky.

He graduated from the Blue Springs High School, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, his Master's Degree from the University of Kansas City (now UMKC) with additional credit from Colorado State College at Greeley and the University of Missouri.

He was married June 1, 1925 to Lucille Larson, daughter of Edwin L. Larson (1887-1920) and Bertha Parr Larson (1887-) of Kansas City.

Lucille was born March 30, 1907 in Kansas City. Her grandfather, Lewis Larson, came to America in 1863 when he was three years old. Her father, Edwin Larson, was a machinist. He helped to build the Panama Canal and operated one of the locks after it was completed. He fell victim to Yellow Fever which was prevalent in that area. Lucille's mother's ancestry were early settlers in Jackson and Clay Counties.

Donald Stewart started teaching in the Williams School north of Blue Springs, which was his home school, and taught fourteen years in Jackson County before coming to Archie in 1938. There he served two years as High School Principal and seven years as Superintendent of that system. In 1947, he was elected Superintendent of the Cass County Schools and held that office until his retirement in 1971. He witnessed many changes in education during his years in school work.

He was active in religious, civic and educational affairs. He was president of the Jackson County Protective Association, was one of the founders of the Pleasant Grove Community Church and served as president of the Cass County Council of Churches. He was one of the organizers of the Archie Chamber of Commerce and was its first president. He is a past president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and other educational organizations. He served as president of the Central Missouri Superintendents Association. He was active in Boy Scout work for many years. The Stewarts are founding members of the Cass County Historical Society.

Lucille Stewart is a member of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church. In 1962, she was awarded a life membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service. She has been active in extension work since the nineteen-twenties. Since coming to Harrisonville, she has been a member of Auxiliary One which is the oldest extension Club in Cass County.

The Stewarts have one daughter, Patricia Dawn, who was born October 26, 1928, near Blue Springs. After her graduation from Archie High School in 1945, she enrolled in Central Missouri State College (now CMU) and accepted a teaching position in Oak Grove School (in Amarugia). At the close of the school term, she re-entered CMSC and received her Bachelor's degree in 1949, ranking second in her class. After graduation, she accepted a position with Trans World Airlines. She later became Loan Officer for that company's Credit Union, the position she was holding when she left the company's employment in 1962. During this time she had 3 years of legal schooling at the University of Kansas City.

Patricia married August 28, 1959 Lloyd A. Elrod of Kansas City. Lloyd was a letter man in football three years, at William Jewell College where he received his Bachelor's Degree. Since then, he has received two Master's Degrees from the University of Missouri — one in business administration and the other in science and mathematics. He is a Project Statistician for the Bendix Company.

The Elrods have a son and a daughter. Douglas Robert was born September 15, 1962 and Lori Dawn was born August 1, 1965. They attend the public shcools in Overland Park, Kansas, where the family resides.

The Stewarts live at 2300 Quail Street in Harrisonville.

DAVID STICE

David and Agnes Loretta Stice came to Cass County in 1906 to a farm in the Prospect Community. They were both born in Illinois, Mrs. Stice in Ashland, and Mr. Stice in Jacksonville. They were the parents of six children: Crawford Stice, married Katherine Sulser and they were the parents of four children: Warren Stice; Jean Grogger; Agnes Frevart; Horace, who died in infancy; and Grace Stice who married Glen Ford, and they had three sons Robert, David and Eugene. May Stice, married Ray Parish, and they had one son, Ray Parrish, Jr. Hazel Stice, married Fred Sulser, and they were the parents of four children: Maxine Hoffman;

Rev. Fred Sulser, Jr.; Frank Sulser and Gracie Webster. James Stice, married Natalie Gustine, and they were the parents of five children: Norris Stice; Robert Stice; Patricia Ring; Glennie Carmichael; and Jimmie Gerald, who died at the age of ten months. Mr. Stice died July 1, 1931; Mrs. Stice died May 4, 1926; and Crawford Stice died in 1967; and James Stice died in March, 1949. The following great grandchildren are: Pamela Kieffer, Kathy Chandler, David Sulser, Debbie Hays, Michael Hoffman, Phillip Hoffman, Thresa Hoffman, Jamie Woodall, Tammy Webster, Robert Allen Ford, Timmy Ford, Larry Ford, Jeff Ford, Saundra Ford, Susan Kinnard, James P. Stice, Ricky Ring, Randy Ring, Garry Stice, Larry Stice, Kevin Carmichael, Danny Carmichael, William Stice, Linda Stice, Dennis Stice, Kathy Frevert, Larry Frevert, several great grandchildren. This pioneer couple are buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, also their two sons Crawford and James, and two great grandchildren. Of this family Hazel Sulser, Grace Ford and May Parish are still living.

LACY ANN (WILLS) STINE

Lacy Ann Wills, a daughter of William J. and Mary M. Wills, was born on a farm near Peculiar on May 5, 1897. She was the third of seven Wills children: Lacy Ann, Robert Lee, Henry Carlyle, Grover Cleveland, Harry Granville, Lloyd Alpheus and Sarah Lucille, the last four now deceased.

Lacy Wills attended the public school at Peculiar and graduated in 1913. Her mother passed away in 1919 and she helped her father maintain the home until May 13, 1928, when she was married to Harry W. Stine. Harry had come to Peculiar in 1913 and engaged in the barber business in partnership with his brother, Clyde C. Stine. He and his brother maintained this partnership until 1925, when he purchased a shop at Harrisonville.

Harry and Lacy Stine were both life-long members of the Methodist Church.

CRAVEN W. STONE

Craven W. Stone, son of Macajah Stone and Matilda (Weaver) Stone, was born in Tennessee on May 14, 1827. Macajah died in Tennessee. Matilda then took her brood of eight by foot over the wilderness trail to Illinois where she joined other members of her family who had migrated there.

Craven grew up in Illinois and married Sabrina Williams. After their first child, McCager, was born the family came to Missouri and Craven, having fought in the Mexican War, homesteaded between East Lynne and Latour. Here Matilda, Alonzo, William and Oliver were born and on December 26, 1877, Craven died and was buried in Clear Fork Cemetery. McCager then became head of the family.

McCager, born May 11, 1851, in White Hall, Illinois, married Mattie Phillips, whose family was Mordacai Phillips and wife, Jane Phillips. They settled on land east of Pleasant Hill in the 1820s and are buried in the old Reed Cemetery north of Strasburg. One of their several children, James M., who married Mary Caroline (Polly) Beeler, homesteaded land east of what is now Harrisonville. James Phillips was a southern sympathizer and his records are included in some of the more colorful accounts of Cass County history. He and Polly had a number of children including Mattie, who married McCager Stone on March 17, 1880. To this union three children were born: Pearle, who married Floyd Lane and spent most of her life in Kansas City, Missouri; Grace, who married Oscar Smith and died at the age of twenty-eight leaving two children, Otho and Lazelle Smith; also Arwood Stone, who married Ada I. Ammon, daughter of William and Mary Ammon.

William Ammon was the son of Davis Ammon, son of John and Elizabeth Ammon, born August 10, 1826 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Davis Ammon married Elizabeth Stambaugh and moved his wife and children to Cass County in 1881. He purchased a hotel in East Lynne, which he called the "Ohio House" and operated it until his death in December of 1902.

William Ammon, a stone mason and harness maker, married Mary Catherine Weller. To this union was born two daughters: Effie Ammon, who died at the age of eleven, and Ada Iola Ammon, born on Sept. 23, 1886. On April 19, 1908 Ada Iola Ammon married Arwood Stone. They lived on a farm north of East Lynne until Arwood was appointed postmaster of East Lynne. They then moved to East Lynne and resided there until he died at the age of eighty on December 10, 1964. Arwood and Ada had two children: Mary Wanda (Stone) Briggs, who lives in Kansas, and William McCager Stone. Ada I. Stone passed away November 8, 1966 and was buried in Orient Cemetery beside her husband.

William McCager Stone served four years in World War II. In 1946, after he returned to Cass County, he purchased the Farmers Elevator, located in the North part of Harrisonville, from E. L. Harrison. He married Glenn Etta (Sanders) Welch on April 17, 1946, and moved to Harrisonville. In 1950 they bought the Marshall Elevator and the Bosley Elevator both located at Archie. William M. Stone, after being in the grain elevator business for twenty-one years, sold out in 1967. Many of his ancestors were Masons and he was privileged to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1972. He is the fourth generation of Stones to reside in Cass County and is happy to still be a resident of Harrisonville, Missouri.

E. STOUTZENBERGER

In 1912, E. Stoutzenberger moved from Coleman to Raymore along with his wife, Mary, daughter, Vivan and sons, Belknap and Eugene. About one year later he bought a home on Main Street with three and one-half lots where he constructed a building on the back of the lots to house a light plant. He soon had poles set, wires strung and most of the houses in town wired for electricity. He was assisted in this work by his oldest son, Belknap, with son, Eugene as errand boy. He sold the first electric irons and washers in town. He later added to the building and installed a stone burr mill for making corn meal and graham flour, which was sacked in paper bags with the name "Raymore Milling Company" and

Mr. Stoutzenberger's name. These products were sold to grocery stores in Raymore, Harrisonville, Pleasant Hill and Kansas City. Later, adding to the operation, he bought a grinder and corn sheller and did custom grinding for the farmers in the community. He also made his own mixture of chicken feed for resale.

In about 1915 he put another building on Main Street between the home and a brick building which housed the Lee King Grocery. Mr. Stoutzenberger started Raymores' first picture show, the light for showing the film being furnished by an ark carbon machine. The film machine was turned by hand at intervals by Dad and Belknap while Mother sold tickets, Sis took them up and Eugene sold peanuts and popcorn.

In about 1916, at age 16, Belknap decided to be a mechanic, so large doors were cut in the rear of the show house and this building served a dual purpose for a while. As the garage grew, the show was closed and the Raymore Garage came into being. Belknap operated this business for five years.

In the mean time, Mr. Stoutzenberger had purchased the drug store from A.G. Sears and the light plant was sold to Green Light and Power Company, which is now the Missouri Public Service Company. He operated the drug store until 1928 when he retired. Mr. and Mrs. Stoutzenberger moved to California where they lived until his death in January, 1955.

LAWRENCE STUMBAUGH

Lawrence Stumbaugh came to Cass County before 1849 with his family. His children consisted of a daughter Artesmia (Arty), who married J. M. Harrison Nov. 15, 1857, in Cass County; Andrew Jackson born about 1831 in Virginia; George Washington born Sept. 18, 1836, in Kentucky, who married Jane (Jennie) Huff Oct. 24, 1857, in Cass County; Martha Jane born about 1837 Virginia; Mary (May) born about 1827 Virginia, married Sanford J. Morris Sept. 7, 1848, in Cass County. There were probably more children. Lawrence died in Cass County by Feb. 1849.

George Washington Stumbaugh, born Sept. 18, 1836, in Kentucky, son of Lawrence Stumbaugh, came to Cass County before 1849 with his parents. He married Jane (Jennie) Huff Oct. 24, 1857, in Austin by her uncle, the Rev. Andrew G. Newgent/Nugent. George W. bought a lot in the Town of Austin where he erected a home and store, he was a carpenter by trade. They had three children: Catherine, born July 28, 1858; a son born about March 1860; and a daughter Tessie. Of these children the son and little Tessie soon died.

On Feb. 1, 1862, George R. volunteered for duty in Harrisonville, and was a private in Co. "F" 2nd Battalion of Calvary Missouri State Militia commanded by Captain Franklin Mix. At the age of 26 years he was killed by guerrillas while on scout at Austin. He had received a gun shot wound and lived about two hours before he died on Aug. 11, 1862. After this his wife Jane went to Kansas City, Missouri, to live with her parents, Lewis Berdine Huff and Lucinda Nugent/Newgent, who were running the Farmers Hotel. Two of Jane's sisters had been widowed by the Civil War and had returned home with their children also. By the close of the Civil War, in the spring of 1865, Jane taught school in Kansas City. On July 6, 1865, Jane married a six foot soldier from Maine, John E. Sawyer, who was born 1833 Calais, Maine. He was a gold miner when he volunteered for duty in the Civil War at Parkville, Territory of Colorado. All of Jane's relatives were returning to Cass County so she and her new husband and little Catherine, now seven years old, decided to return also since she owned a home and store building in Austin. They bought two oxen and a wagon and packed it with everything Jane had for housekeeping, and soon had the cover on. They reached Austin the evening of the third day. The school house had been burned during the war, and the Baptist Church was used that winter as a school.

George Washington's daughter Catherine grew to an adult in Austin and married Samuel Charles McKee Feb. 24, 1875, also a native of Austin, and they raised a large family of fourteen children.

To John E. Sawyer and his wife Jane were born three children: Josephine B. (Josie), born May 25, 1866, married James Owen, died 1932, one son in Belton, Missouri; Lewis B., born Aug. 25, 1869, died 1940, had two daughters living in Kansas City, and one daughter in Massachusetts; James Franklin, born May 2, 1871, died Dec. 20, 1924, had three children, Carl W. Sawyer living in Kansas City, Missouri, James F. in California, and Sallie Sue.

John E. Sawyer died June 28, 1877, and is buried in an Austin cemetery. After this Jane married a third time to William Harris, born March 13, 1881, but this ended in divorce Nov. 23, 1901. Jane died July 7, 1927, in Kansas City, Missouri, and is buried in Mt. Washington Cemetery.

SAMUEL STURTEVANT

Samuel Sturtevant came to Plymouth Massachusetts about 1640 from Rochester, England. His wife's name was Ann. They had nine children. Samuel, the fourth child (Born 1645-Died 1736) married to Mercy. They had nine children. Josiah born about 1690, married Hannah Church, whose ancestry goes back to Richard Warren of the Mayflower. They had eleven children. The sixth child, Church, (Born 1730-Died 1814) moved from Plymouth (name later changed to Halifax) to Center Harbor, New Hampshire about 1785. He married Sarah Leach. They had seven children. Hosea, the fourth child as well as his father, Church, were veterans of the Revolutionary War. Hosea, (Born 1766-Died 1835) married Sarah Paine of Moultonboro. Eleven children were born, all in the Center Harbor. Church, the tenth child was born 1807 and died in Galva, Illinois in 1899. He married Hannah Brown, daughter of Jeremiah Brown of Center Harbor. Church and Hannah moved to Peachman, Vermont about 1831. In 1844 he traded his farm in Vermont for some wild prairie land in Illinois. He started west in June of 1844 and settled in Osceola township, Stark County. They had eight children. Lydia, the fifth child married Brookins Strong. They had two children, Hannah Lucy (Born 1855-Died 1941) and Church Strong. Hannah married Joel Luther Morse (Born 1851-Died 1939) in Kewanee, Illinois on October 7, 1873. They moved to Western Kansas and finally to Pleasant Hill in 1900. They owned a 160 acre farm on Happy Hill west of Pleasant Hill. They had

seven children. The sixth child, Blanche Hannah (Born 1889-Died 1940) married Cleve E. Hamilton (Born 1884-Died 1973). They had six children, Elmer, O'June, Bonetha Hannah, Albert, Marion, and Maxine. Bonetha H. married Alexander J. Small II (Born 1902-Died 1968) son of Alexander J. Small and Nannie Smith. They were married February 22, 1930. He was a farmer, farming southwest of Pleasant Hill in the Hickory Grove neighborhood. They had four children, Joyce, Sandra, Alexander III and Judith. Joyce married Harold Pennington, and they had two children, Diana and Michael. They live in Pleasant Hill. Sandra married Melvin Sehorn and they live south of Raymore. They had three children, Lucinda, David, and Carol. Alexander III married Marilyn Davisson and they have two sons, Duane and Terry. They live at Ballwin, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Judith married Dan Carlson and they live in Monte Vista, Colorado. They have two children, Christopher and Jill. Bonetha H. Small married John Newton James, March 3, 1972 and they live southwest of Harrisonville.

IRA SUDDARTH

Ira Suddarth, sone of Randolph Jefferson and Alice Norvil Suddarth was born Feb. 1819 in Richmond, Va. Ira, with his father and two brothers, Sumpter Lewis and Thomas started West in 1838, they lived in western Illinois, then came to Clay Co., Mo. in the fall of 1844 or the spring of 1845. Ira married Minerva Jane Hymer on Dec. 21, 1847 in Clay Co., Mo. They were the parents of 11 children; Sally A., Thomas Jefferson, Nannie Alice, James Lewis, Albert James, Jacob Newton, Dora, William Willis, Millard Fillmore, Mary Elizabeth, Edward Everett and Alson Davis. Ira and Minerva Jane were members of the Freeman Baptist Church. He died May 30, 1896 in Cass Co., Mo. At the time of his death he was the owner of 138 acres in Cass Co., Mo. She died Jan. 10, 1911. They are buried in Big Shoal Cemetery, Liberty, Clay Co., Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willis Suddarth.

William Willis Suddarth, son of Ira and Minerva Jane (Hymer) Suddarth was born Dec. 27, 1850 in Clay Co., Mo. He married Rua Cathryn Duncan on Aug. 25, 1885. They had 3 children; Lillian Minerva, Rua Blanche and James Washington. In 1899 they moved to a farm between Cleveland and Freeman, Mo. William Willis died Jan. 20, 1914 and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery. At the time of his death he was the owner of real estate located in Cass Co., Mo. Rua Cathryn married B. Nelson on October 29, 1929. She died April 24, 1946, and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery. She was a member of the Freeman Chapter O.E.S. and the Freeman Baptist Church where she taught the Primary Class.

James Washington Suddarth, son of William Willis and Rua Cathryn (Duncan) Suddarth was born on Sept. 15, 1890 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo. When he was 9 years old his family moved to a farm between Cleveland and Freeman, Mo. On Sept. 1, 1909 he married Ada Pearl Powell. They lived in Belton, Mo., Paola, Kansas and Freeman, Mo. They were the parents of Lila Pearl and J. W. James Washington died Jan. 5, 1953 in Freeman, Mo. and is buried in the Freeman Cemetery. He was a member of the Freeman Masons.

J. W. Suddarth, son of James Washington and Ada Pearl (Powell) Suddarth was born on July 10, 1918 near Freeman, Mo. He graduated from Freeman High School. On February 21, 1938 he married Dorothy Helen Burgoon. They were the parents of one child, Vicki Elaine born on May 7, 1939 in Harrisonville, Mo. J. W. served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He worked for Stanolind Pipe Line Co. until he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sulser.

FRANK SULSER

John Adam Sulser was born January 2, 1837 at Mauer, Baden, Germany. He came to the United States shortly after the Crimean War, settling near Rochester, N.Y. On February 25, 1861, he was united in marriage with Malinda Jane Howard, who was born at Honeyeye Falls, N.Y. on Sept. 2, 1844. They resided near Rochester until 1866 when they came West and settled on a farm South of Pleasant Hill, Mo., where they resided for 40 years. To this union was born ten children; William, John, Libby, Louise, Carrie, Frank, Emma, Fred, Charles and Ed. John Sulser died Dec. 8, 1909, Malinda June Sept. 7, 1917.

Frank Sulser was born Jan. 1, 1873, south of Pleasant Hill, Mo. On Sept. 21, 1897, he and Margaret Kircher, of Pleasant Hill, Mo. were married. Margaret was born at Hausen, Oberant, Germany on May 16, 1873 and came with her parents, Carl and Katherine Kircher, to the U.S. when about 8 years old in 1880. The Kircher family came to Cass County in 1881, locating on a farm 5 miles south of Pleasant Hill.

Immediately after their marriage Frank and Margaret Sulser located on an 80 acre farm eight miles southwest of Harrisonville in the old Grand River community. They later accumulated and worked 700 acres.

To this marriage were born five children: Kathryn Sulser, born July 30, 1898, who married Crawford Stice. They had four children, Warren, Horace, and twin girls, Margaret Jean and Marguerite Agnes. There are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Fredrick Frank Sulser was born April 15, 1900 and married Hazel Stice Sept. 8, 1920. They had four children, Hazel Maxine, Fred Jr., Franklin David and Gracie May. There are nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Fredrick Frank Sulser passed away Oct. 5, 1972.

Nellie May Sulser was born July 8, 1905 and married Loren Rodgers Dec. 23, 1925. They have one child, Loren Jr., one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Doris Elizabeth Sulser, born Feb. 10, 1907, married T. A. Allen July 26, 1929. There is one son, John Allen and two grandchildren.

Carl William Sulser was born August 22, 1910 and married Pauline Sanders. They have two daughters, Sandra and Mary Jerene and three grandchildren.

Margaret Sulser died Jan. 6, 1945 at Butler, Mo.

Frank Sulser continued to reside on the farm eight miles southwest of Harrisonville, and, on Sept. 19, 1944, was married to Lenora Mason. In August, 1946, they moved to Harrisonville where they lived until Frank's death March 31, 1952.

Both Frank and Margaret Sulser are buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Frank Sulser was an honest upright citizen, a neighbor in time of need and most happy when busy. Margaret Sulser was preeminently a home woman, giving her time and strength to the duties of the home, and remembered for her sacrificial deeds of love.

The "home place" is still owned by the family. As of this writing, of the six boys born to John and Malinda Sulser, only one great-great-great grandson, Joshua David bears the Sulser name.

DEAN R. SURBER

Dean R. Surber, (deceased), son of Alfred and Mary Elizabeth (Stigall) Surber, was born at Medford, Missouri, September 28, 1885. He was the youngest son of eleven children. His parents were born in Kentucky and moved to the Medford home immediately after the Civil War. His father was a soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. Surber became a resident of Cass County in 1907 and spent the rest of his life near Garden City, all within fifteen miles of the place of his birth.

He was a successful farmer. He held township and county elective offices, was County Judge from 1954 to 1961, Democratic Committeeman for a number of years, on the first AAA Agriculture Township Committee in 1936 and several years thereafter and was a 4-H Club Leader several years. He was a member of the Garden City Christian Church and was an active member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and very active in community affairs. In 1906 he homesteaded on a 160 acre tract in Oklahoma which he still owned at the time of his death.

On December 24, 1913, he married Lorah Mae Allen, (Deceased) of Quincy, Missouri. Her parents were Robert T. and Sophina (Bernard) Allen of Quincy. Her parents were both born in Hickory County, Missouri. She was active in Clubs and community affairs. She was a member of the Garden City Christian Church and Rebekah Lodge. Before her marriage she was a teacher in a school near Garden City.

To Dean and Lorah Surber were born three children:

Clara Elizabeth, born at Garden City and graduated from the Garden City High School. She is a member of the Garden City Christian Church. She is a secretary and has worked in the Missouri Legislature for over twenty years. She has been a local, county and state Democratic Committeewoman and was delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1956. She was State Legislative Chairman of the Business and Professional Women's Club for several years. Governor Hearnes appointed her to the State Commission on the Status of Women and has, and is now, serving on many local, county and state boards.

Mary Katheryne, was born at Garden City and graduated from the Garden City High School. She is a bookkeeper and has been employed by Foster Lumber Company many years. They are now located in Boulder, Colorado. She was township collector of Index Township. She is a member of the Garden City Christian Church. She is active in the Boulder Business and Professional Women's Club and belongs to several church and club organizations in Boulder.

Robert Dean, was born at Garden City and graduated from the Garden City High School.

ROBERT DEAN SURBER

Robert Dean Surber was born near Garden City on July 4, 1927 to Dean Roysten and Lorah Mae (Allen) Surber. Robert Dean was married on Dec. 1, 1949 to Shirley Lucille Gwinner, eldest daughter of Harold Edward and Dottie Celetia (Sisk) Gwinner. Shirley was born on January 11, 1930 near Garden City. Both Robert and Shirley received their Elementary and High School education in the Garden City community. Following High School graduation, Robert entered the Armed Services returning in 1947 and has been engaged in farming since that time. Shirley was employed by Wilhite Brothers Dep't store in Garden City and IRS in Kansas City. In June 1957 the Surber's purchased a 160 acre farm 2½ miles NW of Garden City from the Wessels of Illinois. Robert, Shirley and their family are active members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with membership in the First Church of Harrisonville. Robert is secretary to the Missouri National Farmers Organization Board, is a former National Director of NFO and was Cass County NFO chairman for 17 years. Robert and Shirley have 5 children, Robert Dean, Jr. born July 18, 1950 is married to the former Brenda Carel Gwinn who with their daughter, Anissa Lynn, born June 2, 1973 reside in Harrisonville, Mo. Robert, Jr. is employed by the City of Harrisonville Water Department and Carel does babysitting. Candice Kay, born August 6, 1951, is now Mrs. William E. Brown, Candy and Bill are at home on a 5 acre "farm" they recently purchased near Odessa, Mo. Candy is a cum laude graduate of Culver-Stockton, Canton, Mo. and teaches math, Bill works for Travelmatic in Grain Valley. Richard Allen was born on February 21, 1955 is now a Social Science Major in the field of Teacher Education at Warrensburg, Richard is a

member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Ronald Neal was born on June 16, 1957. Ronald is a Business Economics major at Culver Stockton College, Canton, Mo. Rodney Eric, born on February 27, 1965 is a 5th grade student at Garden City Elementary, interested in math, music, speech and sports.

Four generations of the Sutton Family.

JAMES BUCHANAN SUTTON

James Buchanan Sutton was born in Illinois March 5, 1857, died March 12, 1945. He married Sarah Isabell Duncan, born in Ohio September 7, 1859, died August 22, 1930, the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Duncan. James Buchanan and Sarah Isabelle had 13 children:

Frank G. Sutton, born August 13, 1880.

Dollie Pearl Sutton, born November 5, 1881, died March 28, 1916; married David John Peterson on April 11, 1900, in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Harry Lane Sutton, born August 1, 1883.

Bessie Alice Sutton Urton, born April 2, 1885.

Elsie Elizabeth Sutton Clary, born May 23, 1887.

Sophia Zelpha Sutton Hook, born August 11, 1889.

Ray James Sutton, born July 11, 1891, died April, 1930.

Walter Clinton Sutton, born May 5, 1893.

Carl Lester Sutton and Earl Chester Sutton, twin sons born November 19, 1895.

Katie Olive Sutton Prater Solberg, born February 22, 1898.

Florence Belle Sutton Stout.

Tennie Ellen Sutton King.

MORT R. SWIFT

Mort and Lydia Swift came to Cass County as bride and groom in August, 1908. They first resided in Harrisonville. Mr. Swift was in partnership with his brother, Will Swift, and Dave Crick of Independence, in the American Scale Co. Mort was manager of the machine department and Crick of the foundry. Will Swift soon bought Crick's interest.

In 1915, The American Scale Co. bought the McDonald foundry buildings in Pleasant Hill and moved their company there. Mort continued to manage the company until he retired in 1945 because of poor health, at which time his brother, Harry Swift, was made manager, although Mort still held stock in the company. During the depression years they did not close down, but gave each man three days a week. As many as seventy-five men were hired at one time during the time Mort was manager, and up to a hundred right after the war. Keith Tucker, who started work there as a laborer in Jan. 1935, succeeded Harry Swift as foreman. In 1954 the American Scale Co. sold out to Gresham and Co., Inc., of Kansas City, and they soon moved the business up there.

Mort and Lydia built a home at 115 S. Jeffreys in Pleasant Hill where she still lives. They have one son, M. R. Jr., who now lives in Kansas City, and one daughter, Irene, Mrs. T. W. Alexander. There are three grand children and six great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander also live at the Swift home.

Mr. Swift served on the school board for twenty-five years. He was a Mason, member of Jewel Lodge No. 480 AF-AM. On his 82nd birthday he was honored at his Coffee Club, and a cake inscribed "Happy Birthday 1881-1963". He also received a letter from a member of the House of Congress congratulating him. He died Nov. 21, 1964.

Mrs. Swift is affectionately known as "Aunt Lydia" to most of her neighbors, friends and relatives. She has been a lifetime member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was the first member of the church to move to Pleasant Hill. Others soon moved close to town and they began to have meetings in a little school house off Highway 58. She saw her congregation grow from that small start to that of nearly 200 today, with a nice new building at Highway 7 and Timber streets in Pleasant Hill. During those intervening years she taught church school classes and worked with the young people, and served in many other ways. She still attends services regularly and takes an active part; visits her neighbors, and sends cards to the sick and bereaved. The county has benefited greatly by the lives of these two people.

BAILEY SEATON TABB

Bailey Seaton Tabb (born August 17, 1799, died October 27, 1876) was the son of Robert and Mary (Chrisman) Tabb.

He married first August 2, 1819, in Hardin County, Kentucky, Sarah L. Gunterman (born January 2, 1802, died November 5, 1839), daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Betsy) (Rawlings) Hart Gunterman.

They were the parents of: Mary Catherine (born July 16, 1821, died April 5, 1905, married Peter Bird; Elizabeth Elliot (born November 4, 1822, died January 15, 1900) married Jacob Miller; James E. (born March 1, 1825, died July 26, 1888, single; Nancy Gunterman (born February 7, 1827, died December 26, 1853) married Miles Miller; Amelia Vertie (born June 24, 1830, died September 22, 1889) married Elem Morrison; John Leland (died February 2, 1863); Lavenia Sed (born October 15, 1836, died August 5, 1863) married Elem Morrison; twins Angeline and Adaline, born November 23, 1838. Angeline married T. H. B. Lampton.

Bailey Seaton Tabb's second wife was Sallie Gray and they had: Matilda Bunch (born April 8, 1840, died December 28, 1920) married Nathan Patterson; Richard N. (died 1878) mar-

ried Sarah Van Meter; Johnathan Gray (died 1905) married Julia M. Roberts; Mahala Jane married Richard (Doc) Morrison; Martha Fannie; Susan K.; William R.

Bailey Seaton Tabb and part of his family came to Missouri in 1869 in a covered wagon with his son-in-law Elem Morrison, and he is buried in the Freeman Cemetery.

GLENN H. TERRIL

Glenn H. Terril was born October 21, 1903 in Cass County, Illinois and died March 29, 1974 in Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri. He was the son of Samuel S. and Edith (Hiles) Terril. The family came to Pleasant Hill in 1914. Samuel S. was the son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Gaddis) Terril, and Edith Hiles was the daughter of Charles A. and Anna (Brown) Hiles, all of Cass County, Illinois.

Glenn was the eldest of five children, the others being: Homer S. (married Isa Lind Hockaday — two children, Charles E. and Margaret (Mrs. Fred Pope); Mabel (married Frank H. Owens — one son, Frank Jr.), she died in 1938; Samuel J. (married Helen Van Haaften — 2 sons, Terry and Bruce), he died in 1970; and Charles A. (married Alleen Holloway).

On June 20, 1926, Glenn Terril married Viola Fern Sloan (daughter of George E. and Belle (Turner) Sloan). They have always lived in Pleasant Hill. Mr. Terril was an electrician and was an operating engineer at the Muncipal Utilities Power Plant for 25 years. He was active in Boy Scout work, being Scoutmaster of Troop 300 for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Terril have five children: Fern Ann; Glenn Alan; George Sloan; Garnett R.; and Barbara Kay. Fern Ann married Lloyd H. Elliott and their children are: Karen married Jay P. Bunch (they have a daughter, Carrie Elaine); Linda, married Douglas Kruse; Dale; Dennis; and Loraine. Glenn Alan married Darlene Shorten and they have two daughters: Sheri, married Larry Oliver; and Vicki. George S. married Virginia Doris and their children are: James, married Michelle Schmitt; Richard; Julie and Nancy. Garnett R. married Mary Lou Walker and they have two sons: Gregory and Ryan. Barbara married Norville E. Neill and they have a daughter, Erin and a son, Gavin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Terril.

FRED J. THOMAS, SR.

Fred J. (Med) Thomas was born November 25, 1884 in Tiptonville, Tennessee to Ivy and Josie Thomas. Mr. Thomas had one brother, Horace, who was three years younger. Ivy died in 1894 so Fred and Horace lived with relatives and friends near Tiptonville, the Missouri boot heel and northeastern section of Arkansas. As a young man, Fred was a fireman on a railroad. He met Myrtle Ann Macy in Kansas City, Missouri and they were later married July 11, 1910. They then moved to Texarkana, Texas where Fred J. Thomas, Jr. was born July 8, 1911. He was transferred to the Kansas City Southern office in Dallas, where Frances Josephine was born March 28, 1913. He then transferred to Hominy, Oklahoma during World War I. After the war, he became manager of Hominy Cotton, Oil and Ice Company where he met Lee James, an engineer.

In 1920 they came to Harrisonville and bought the ice plant and creamery. By 1925 the creamery was dropped and coal added. In 1931, feeding, grinding and mixing were added. In 1933 the ice and coal business was sold, Mr. James retired.

The Economy Feed Mill was established and the business continued to grow. In 1955 the business was sold to Missouri Farmers Association of Columbia, Missouri.

Myrtle Ann Thomas was born May 21, 1892 to Aaron and Frances Macy in Terra Haute, Indiana. Through her insistance, the first modern apartment house was built in Harrisonville. Mr. Thomas often gave her credit for her foresight in rental business. She passed away February, 1947.

Fred married Mrs. Alice Reppert in October, 1947, the widow of Clarence Reppert. They lived in the apartment house and spent their time between south Texas in the winter and Harrisonville in the summer. A boating accident claimed their lives. Mrs. Alice Thomas, daughter Marjorie Blackman and grandson, Stephen Blackman, died in the same accident, April 22, 1959.

Frances J. Thomas married Robert B. Kaye in October, 1938 in Harrisonville, Mo. He was a Cass County farm agent, but now lives in Chillicothe, Missouri, They have two daughters.

Fred J. Thomas, Jr. married Wilhelmine Unnewehr in June, 1940 in Harrisonville where they still reside. They have three children and six grandchildren.

FRED J. THOMAS, JR.

Fred J. Thomas, Jr. son of Fred J. and Myrtle Thomas, came to the Harrisonville area in 1920. He was educated in the local school and one and one-half years of college at Westminister College at Fulton, Missouri. He then helped in his father's business, Economy Feed Mill, until it was sold in 1955.

During that time, he married Wilhelmine Unnewehr, the daughter of Fred and Minnie Unnewehr, in June 1940. He served in World War II, with the Navy, from May, 1944 to January, 1946 in the Pacific area.

After the mill sold, they spent a year in Harrisonville and then moved to Weslaco, Texas for 22 months. They moved back to Harrisonville in June of 1958 because of the accidental death of his father, in Southern Texas.

They acquired rental property on West Mechanic in 1949, adjoining a home built in 1941. In 1951, they built an apartment house adjoining the rental property on West Mechanic and in 1961 acquired the original Thomas apartments at the intersection of South Independence and Washington Streets.

Mrs. Thomas has spent her time with her family and man-

aging the apartments. Mr. Thomas has been employed with the United Telephone Company in Harrisonville but will soon retire.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Thomas, Jr. are parents of three children. F. J. Thomas III, was born July 8, 1941, on his father's birthday. He attended local schools, attended and graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N. M., and from Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas in 1967. He married Barbara Ann Neely of Vandalia, Ohio. They now live in Dayton, Ohio. They have two daughters. He is an accountant for Inland Manufacturing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Fredda Jane Thomas was born September 25, 1942, and received her education in Harrisonville and business education in Kansas City, Missouri. She is married to Thomas M. Kullman of St. Charles, Mo. where they now live. Mr. Kullman is employed with McDonald Douglas Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. They have three sons.

Richard Wesley Thomas was born November 29, 1946. He received his grade and high school education in Harrisonville. After graduation, he served four years in the United States Coast Guard in Hawaii and the Galveston, Texas area. At present he is working at the Port of Houston in security and also attends college. He has one daughter.

EDWARD B. THOMSON, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Thomson, Sr. moved to Raymore in March, 1932 from Lone Jack, Missouri. Mr. Thomson was engaged in farming for many years and owned and operated 240 acres on the west side of town, now under development. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have four children, Edward B. Thomson, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri, soon to return to Raymore to make his home, a graduate of Raymore High School now engaged in building and developing in the Cass County area; Mrs. Sarah Sudduth, of Kansas City, Missouri, a graduate of Raymore High School and employed in Kansas City; Mrs. Carroll Nelson, of Belton, Missouri for the last three years and formerly of St. Louis, Missouri and Miss Nancy Thomson, of Kansas City, Missouri, who is employed in Kansas City.

Mr. Thomson passed away on December 12, 1967 and Mrs. Thomson passed away on December 1, 1971.

CHARLES TALLIAFERRO THORNTON

Charles Talliaferro Thornton and his wife Katharyn Miller Hathaway Thornton came from Montgomery Co., Ky. to Cass Co., Mo. with 7 of their 8 children in 1857. Their 6 sons and 2 daughters, the last daughter born in Mo., were: William T., who became a doctor, David, Charles, Phillip, John, and James, all farmers, Molly (Mrs. Oscar Byram), and Kate (Mrs. J. W. Alexander). The family bought a farm of 255 acres of prairie land 3½ miles NE of Pleasant Hill where they made their home the rest of their lives. They also bought 170 acres of timberland about a mile E. of their farm as they had to have fuel.

When the Civil War came, Southern sympathizers had a hard time in this locality. Mr. Thornton's nephew, Dr. Tom Tully, was killed in the Lone Jack battle and Mrs. Thornton and her younger boys had to bring him home in a wagon and bury him on the farm even though the Pleasant Hill Cemetery was not far from their home. When Order No. 11 was issued the Thorntons went north of the Missouri River where their relatives the Buckners lived, and stayed a few years. When coming home, anxious to reach Lone Jack by night, the oxen were so tired that James Thornton walked in front of them with a basket of corn to get up the Sni Hills.

James Aylette Buckner Thornton was the only one of the Thornton boys to marry. He married Julia Waugh Kennedy, born in Ky. while her folks were there during Order No. 11, daughter of Washington and Sara Amos Kennedy. The Kennedys had come to Mo. from Ky. a few years before the Thorntons, settling in the Southern part of Jackson Co. They buried their silverware on their farm to keep it from being stolen, and Mrs. Kennedy dug for silverware the rest of her days, never finding it all.

James and Julia (Kennedy) Thornton had 6 children: Katharyn (Mrs. Tillmon Cope) who had 3 children, Tillmon Cope Jr., a radio operator for the Highway Patrol, Katharyn (Mrs. Arnold Dennis of Tacoma, Wash.), and Christopher Thornton Cope who was killed in action off the English coast in World War II; Charles Talliaferro Thornton who served with the 128 Inf., 35th Div. in World War I, came home safely in 1919 but was killed 1934 by a tree falling the wrong way while he was helping cut it down, had 3 children, John Phillip Thornton of Oklahoma City, Okla., Marie (Mrs. Harold Tuck of Lamar, Mo.), and Helen (Mrs. Green of Salt Lake City, Utah); Sallie Kennedy (Mrs. Tom Riffle of Pleasant Hill, Mo.) who has one son, Tom Sylvester Riffle, a farmer of Pleasant Hill; Mary Belle (Mrs. Roy Wilt) who had 2 sons, James T. Smith of Pleasant Hill, retired from the U.S. Navy and a veteran of Pearl Harbor, and Roy Wilt of Pleasant Hill who works at Unity; Mattie (Mrs. W. E. Howard) who died 1951, had no children; Bessie (Mrs. L. Cecil Chaney of Pleasant Hill) who had 4 children, Lorene (Mrs. Leonard Lindsey of San Diego, Calif.) who died 1969, Ruth (Mrs. Maurice Wright of R.R. Greenwood, Mo.), Norma (Mrs. William Norris of R.R. Kingsville, Mo.), and David Chaney who is the Navy and located at Oak Harbor, Wash.

Molly (Thornton) Byram had 5 children: Katie who died age 4; Emma (Mrs. Harley Clark) who had one son, Harold F. Clark, a bacteriologist with the U.S. Public Health Service; Mary Belle; Thornton, B.; and Price T. The Byrams lived in Harrisonville.

JOHN FITZHUGH THORNTON

The 1883 history of Cass County states that J. T. Thornton (which should be J. F. Thornton) was a native of Virginia. This is false, for John Fitzhugh Thornton was born in Green

John Fitzhugh Thornton and his daughter, Mary Barret Thornton.

County, Kentucky 5 Oct., 1924. He was the son of Anthony and Ann Lee Barret Thornton, the daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Lowry Barret. It has only been in recent years that the line of descent for this particular Anthony Thornton has been confirmed, there being so many Anthony Thorntons.

Anthony, the father of John Fitzhugh, was the son of Dr. Henry Fitzhugh and Ann Rose Fitzhugh Thornton, the daughter of John Fitzhugh, of Stafford County, Virginia, and his wife Alice Thornton Fitzhugh. Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton was born in Caroline County, Virginia 14 Aug. 1865 and was the son of Anthony Thornton, born 1727 in Stafford, County, Virginia and his second wife Susanna Fitzhugh Thornton. The lineage continues back through the first Anthony born 1691, who married Winifred Presley and Francis Thornton, born 1651, of Gloucester County, Virginia, who married first Alice Savage, to the emigrant and founder of the Virginia family, William Thornton, who came from Yorkshire, England to Gloucester County, Virginia in 1646.

Anthony Thornton, the father of John Fitzhugh, died in 1826 while visiting a brother in Oldham County, Kentucky. His wife, Ann Lee Barret Thornton, took her family to Illinois and established a home near Athens in Menard County. This family consisted of Ann Rose, born 1808, married her cousin, Francis Thornton and lived at Jacksonville, Illinois; Henry Fitzhugh, born 1810; Anthony Y., born 1812, died 1827 at Greensburg, Ky.; William Presley, died at age 18 in 1834, in Green County, Ky. and whose will, filed 24 June, 1834, proved his line of descent; Mary Barclay, born 1817, married James Mitchell; Henry Arnold, born 1819, married Mary Jane Fyffe; James Thomas, born 1823, married Mary Graff and John Fitzhugh, who came to Missouri, settling on a farm in Big Creek Township.

He first married Matilda Farmer, daughter of Frederick Farmer. They had one child, Margaret, before Matilda died. John Fitzhugh Thornton married secondly Mary Jane Wherritt. She was born 14 Sept., 1835 at Jacksonville, Illinois, her family later coming to Big Creek Township in Cass County, Missouri.

John Fitzhugh and Mary Jane Wherritt Thornton returned to Illinois, living for a time at Magnolia in Putnam County, and later coming again to Cass County. Their children were Benjamin Barton, born 1859, married Lila Foree; Harriett Lee, born 1864, married John Mackenzie; Mary Barret, born 30 April 1867 at Magnolia, married John Armstrong Buckner (See Buckner family); Frances Arnold, born 1869, married William Hornbeak and John Anthony, born 1872. Of these children the latter three made their homes in Pleasant Hill.

CHARLES HUGH TOWERS

C. H. (Hugh) . . . Asa . . . and Frank Towers, like other young men, "Went West", they came from Argenta, Ill. by team and wagon, arriving in Drexel, Missouri April 22nd, 1896. Drexel was chosen because Mrs. Tower's father Robert Sellers, and her Uncle Wm. Deweese were living in Cass County, and they thought opportunities existed there for the Towers brothers.

Asa bought land in Bates County, Frank returned to Ill. Hugh stayed, sending for his wife Lillie, sons Carl (three) and Guy (one). Hugh was a carpenter, building and repairing, houses, barns, and business buildings that were needed by the new citizens.

Hugh believed in giving more than an hour's work for an hour's pay. He said he never built anything on the ground, until he had built it in his head, so all problems were worked out. When the Drexel elevator was built for Mr. Harve Reed, he insisted that Hugh not leave the ground before each board was sawed, marked for placing from the blueprints by Hugh and the building was completed to Mr. Reed's satisfaction.

The Towers family were good neighbors, their home neat, in good repair, yard always trimmed, a variety of flowers blooming, always a good garden, berries and grapes for family use. The five children Carl , Guy, Audra, Velma and Hadley were Drexel High School graduates, and their recreation was the same as all children living then in Drexel.

All the children married, the three boys learned their fathers trade, Guy and Hadley became "inside finishers" on many of the expensive homes in Kansas City, Carl worked in the office of the Kansas City Southern Railway. There are nine grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren living in various states, of the children only two survive, Audra (Mrs. George Schottenhamel) Salt Lake City, Utah and Velma (Mrs. Rosier George) Port Isabel, Texas, all like Mr. and Mrs. Towers are proud of their ancesters that were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, name the Towers, the Maris, and the Hadleys.

TRIBBY FAMILIES

Five Tribby brothers and one sister, from Carlisle in Nicholas Co., Ky., came to Cass Co. and settled near Freeman in the 1870's and 1880's. Their parents, Almedia Jane and John G. Tribby, and one sister, Sarah, remained in Kentucky. Sarah died at an early age. The parents and Sarah are buried in Nicholas Co., Ky. The five brothers were: William J., Goerge W., Mark F., John and James. The sister that came to Missouri was Eliza.

William J. Tribby (1848-1931) and Emily J. Johnson (1855-1931) were married in 1868 at Aberdeen, Ohio. She was the daughter of Davis and Elizabeth Johnson (1839-1940) and was born May 18, 1855 in Nicholas Co., Ky. Her mother lived to be over one hundred years of age and died at Freeman. They lived in Kentucky ten years. In Oct., 1878, they moved to Missouri, coming through in a covered wagon. They were on the road 29 days. After living in Missouri one year, they returned to Kentucky and remained one year. In 1880, they

The four Tribby brothers — Mark, John, George and William

returned to Missouri where they remained in the Freeman area. They adopted a son, Willie E. Tribby. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 2, 1928, but had 63 years of married life together. Willie E. married Lottie Bumgartner. Their daughters were Alta, Elsie, and Alice. They made their home in Kansas City.

George W. Tribby, (1852-1932) the third child of Almedia and John G. Tribby, was born in Nicholas Co., Ky. His father died when he was a lad of twelve years. He aided his mother and older brother in caring for smaller sisters and brothers. George married Mary Frances Ashley (1852-1890) of near Carlisle, Ky. on Oct. 20, 1874. They came to Missouri in 1880 and located at Old Brosley near Drexel and lived two years. They lived north of Freeman for 1 year and resided in South Fork community for forty-nine years. His companion died a tragic death Aug. 4, 1890, leaving him to care for nine children. His older brother, Will, and wife assisted him. His wife's mother from Kentucky took four children to Kentucky to care for, for three years. When the youngest was fourteen, he married Mrs. Jessie Hart of Mt. Sterling, Ky. July 1, 1902. George and Mary Frances were the parents of: William H. (1875-1973), Anna Mary (b. 1877), Almedia J. (1878-1971), Rebecca A. (1879-1932), Laura Belle (1881-1943), James Paten (1882-1976), Harry "Tobe" (1884-1907), Nellie Frances (born 1886) and Richard Reace "Lacy" (born 1888). William H. Tribby married Ida Daniel and lived in the South Fork community and Kansas. Their six children were: Inez married Richard Morrison; Ethel married Bob Anderson; Agnes married 1. Baron Harshfield, 2. Bryan Harshfield; Clara married Louis Morrison; Marjorie married Marion Breckenridge; and Georgia married Clarence Close. Anna Mary Tribby married Oscar Shores. Their children were Fred, Edith, Hazel, and May. Almedia Jane (Ella) Tribby married Earl Dunnington and resided around Drexel. Three sons were born to this union: Leslie, and Homer reside in the Drexel area; Raymond and wife reside in Springfield, Illinois. Rebecca A. Tribby married 1. Charles Daniel, 2. Charles Sisson and resided in Kansas. The five Daniel children were as follows: Clarence whose wife was named Rita; Daisy married Allan O'Conner and resides in Calif; Bobby; James married Alta Wakefield; and Mary married Gobel Sisson. Laura Belle Tribby married Benjamin M. Brown of Freeman where they resided. They were parents of one daughter, Eunice Laurene Groves. James Paten Tribby married Jessie Walker and moved to Arizona in later years. There were two sons, Elmo and Eldon. Harry "Tobe" Tribby died when about twenty years of age from an accident. A horse fell backwards on him and injured him internally. He is buried at Freeman. Nellie Frances Tribby married Roy Lacy and resided around and in Harrisonville. Six children were born: Helen married Ervin Taylor; Margaret married Dale Webster; George and wife reside west of Harrisonville; Carol married Bob Cassidy; and two children died in infancy. Richard Reace (Lacy) Tribby served in WWI in France. He never married and resides in Kansas. Nellie died April 22, 1976 and would have been 90 years of age May 31, 1976. Ella Dunnington and husband Earl, William H. and James Paten lived to be in their mid nineties. Lacy is eighty-eight years of age this year. See Alfred Grundy Sloan history for Mark F. Tribby and family.

John A. Tribby and Florence Tribby were the parents of the following six children: Jack, a bachelor; Charles who married Clara Childress and later Ora Daniels; Emma who married Olive Linville; Albert who married Wilma Stoker; Nellie who married Charley Simmons and resides in Harrisonville; and Ben who married Letha Harris. John and Florence cared for Chester Tribby, a grandson in his early years. He resides in Harrisonville. John and Florence lived to be ninety one years of age.

Eliza Tribby, the sister who came to Missouri married David W. Blake, and became the mother of Irene Tribby who married Bob Cecil. Irene was the mother of Gladys Whisner (died March 1976).

James Tribby never married. He died from food poisoning when in his early twenties and is buried at Paola, Kansas.

The principal occupation of the Tribby family was farming and stock raising.

Mark F. Triboy home in Freeman.

MARK TRIBBY

Mark Tribby, age 22, and Katie Sloan, age 18, were married December 25, 1878 at the old home place north of Freeman, now owned by Cecil Starks. Katie Sloan was the daughter of A. G. Sloan, who had entered the 160 acres of land in July of 1845 and which was in the family for one hundred and eleven years. The last owner being Miss Jennie Tribby and her brother, Jess. They sold it February 18, 1956 to the present owner, Elsie Neibaum. One room in the house that stands is still made of logs.

A. G. Sloan, with his young wife and family, came in a covered wagon from Kentucky and he gave an Indian a pony to tell him where he could find living water and this place has several springs which would never fail. The deed to the place was made out of sheepskin and signed by President James K. Polk in July of 1845. It is framed and hangs in one of the family homes as treasure of great value.

Mark Tribby and his wife became the owners of this place and lived there for over seventy years. They had a family of six children: Lizzie G.; Nora Myrtle; Lulu Marie; Joe Clifford; Jesse Otto and Jennie May. Mr. Tribby passed away in 1942 and his wife in 1952. The farm became the property of Jennie May and Jesse Otto until they sold it in 1956.

KEITH DOUGLAS TUCKER

Keith Douglas Tucker came to Pleasant Hill, Mo. from Independence, Mo. 1935, age 19, coming because he had secured his first steady job at the American Scale and Vise Co. Very soon he married Margaret Pooler, whose family had moved from Independence the previous year, daughter of Charles and Drue Pooler who live in Harrisonville. Margaret was also the niece of Mort and Lydia Swift, he being the superintendent of the Scale plant at the time, having come to Harrisonville 1908 to work at the Foundry there and moved on to Pleasant Hill 1916. The Swift and Tucker families have been close. Mrs. Swift still lives an active life at age 91, at 115 S. Jeffreys, Pleasant Hill.

Keith and Margaret Tucker bought a cabin at Baldwin Lake and began to prepare it for an all-year home. During the school year 1935-1936 Margaret's cousin, Margaret Bullard, came from Ava, Mo. to Pleasant Hill to stay with her grandmother and attend her junior year in high school, spending much time with her young married cousins.

Tragedy struck the following year when on Jan. 5, 1937, Margaret Tucker died giving birth to twin boys, Kenneth Douglas and Keith Darrell, later nicknamed Nip and Tuck respectively. Keith's widowed mother, Nina Tucker, gave up her home in Independence and came to live with him and care for the twins.

Two and a half years later Keith Tucker married Margaret Bullard. They continued to live at Baldwin Lake until 1947 when they bought the 40 acre farm located at the intersection of the Mo. Pacific Railway and "P" highway, west of #7. They had 5 children, Robert, Margaret, Leonard, William, and Richard. Six of the 7 Tucker children attended one or more years at the Prairie Dell country school before it was closed, and ultimately carried away in a tornado. All of the family are members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and most of them are active in church work.

Keith Tucker continued to work at the American Scale and Vise Co., and was Supervisor of the plant for several years. When in 1953 the firm of Cromb and Gagel bought the plant Keith continued as Supervisor until 1961 when the American Scale plant was closed and part of the operation moved to the Kansas City firm of Gresham and Co., owned by Cromb and Gagel. Then he and several others transferred from the Pleasant Hill plant to the Kansas City plant. In 1973 Keith was awarded a silver tray in commemoration of his 20 years with the firm.

On Feb. 5, 1975, after having driven back and forth to Gresham daily for 14 years, Keith drove his truck into the commuter's parking lot at #50 and #7, on his way home late evening, and there he was found, the victim of a heart attack. He was 59.

Stairsteps of the Keith Tucker Family in 1954.

The youngest Tucker son, Winfield Richard (Ricky), and his mother Margaret (Peggy) still live on the homeplace. William (Willy) is still of the home though in college at Missouri University, Columbia. Leonard and his wife Betty Dehn, of Clinton, and small son Shez David own a home in the same vicinity. Leonard is presently instructor of instrumental music in Pleasant Hill schools. Kenneth and family live in Independence, Mo. Keith Jr. lives in Tex. as do Robert and his family. Margaret married Jim Feagins and lives in Grandview, Mo. where he is a science teacher. There are 10 grandchildren.

ROBERT G. TURK

Robert G. Turk was born in Wellsville, Mo. and married Sarah V. Bishop. He served with the northern forces during the Civil War.

Twelve children were born to this union, one of whom was Robert E. Turk, who was born in Kingdom City, Mo. Feb. 18, 1875. Robert E. Turk married Lula Alice Hagood on Dec. 28, 1897 and they had three children: Kate Opal Deering born August 25, 1900, now resides in Sacramento, California; Wyatt was born in April, 1902, but died at the age of five; Russell Turk was born in Harwood, Mo., October 17, 1903.

Robert E. Turk and has family moved to Belton from Walker, Mo. in 1925, where he and his son, Russell, bought a hardware store. Russell married Ella Mae Coomes on April 13, 1929 and one child, Carol Lee, was born on July 25, 1933. Carol Lee married Cecil R. Miller of Baldwin, Kansas on July 1, 1956. Two children were born to this union: Carla Jo, June 6, 1960, and Clark Richard October 3, 1962.

Robert Turk and son Russell sold the hardware store in 1930 and opened a grocery store where the Citizen's Bank is now located at the northwest corner of Walnut and Main Streets. Turk's grocery brought the first pre-packaged food to Belton and also installed the first self-service.

In 1945, Robert Turk sold his part of the store to Russell and moved to Sacramento City, with his wife, Lula, who died August 21, 1950. Robert died January 4, 1962.

In 1952, Russell Turk built a new store building where the Library is now located at the southwest corner of Ella and Main Streets, where the business continued to operate until 1965. Prior to 1952 the store was located at 320 Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Turk.

Russell was active in civic affairs, serving as the first president of the Belton Chamber of Commerce in 1940 (then known as the Belton Booster Club). He also served on the school board in 1941. He is a Past Master of the Belton Masonic Lodge and Past Patron of Elizabeth Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Russell has been a member of the Belton Methodist Church for 50 years, and Ella Mae has been a member for 51 years. They still reside in Belton at 309 Manor Drive.

Family members are: Robert G. Turk, Sarah V. (Bishop) Turk, Robert E. Turk, Lula Alice (Hagood) Turk, Kate Opal (Turk) Deering, Wyatt Turk, Russell Turk, Ella Mae (Coomes) Turk, Carol Lee (Turk) Miller, Cecil R. Miller, Carla Jo Miller and Clark Richard Miller.

MARVIN TURNER

In 1937 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner and Bill moved to a farm three miles east of Raymore, known as the Thomas Pierce of Earl Smutz place. Here they began general farming with one team of mules.

In 1939 they joined the United Brethern Church in Raymore and were members until the church dissolved and all the members went to the Presbyterian Church.

Several years later they began raising registered Angus Cattle. Later they formed a partnership with H. R. Carpenter and fed cattle, hogs, and sheep. The farm was named Mil-Ina for Mildred Turner and Ina Carpenter and this name was on all registered papers.

In 1943 the Turners purchased the farm from Kansas City Life Ins. Co. and began farming with a tractor.

Until the spring of 1945, their only lights were kerosene lamps. When the light lines began to come in Mr. Turner and Clint Righard wired the house. As this was new in the community everyone was afraid the house would burn when the lights were added, while Mrs. Turner was in the hospital with Mary, a silo for storing feed was built.

The partnership with the Carpenters was dissolved, the Angus Cattle sold in 1948 the Turners started milking cows. For several years the cows were all milked by hand, later a milking machine was installed.

With the purchase of an ensilage machine, Marvin and the boys did custom work over the community. One place they enjoyed working was the Lucy Webb farm because she always fixed a hot dinner.

By this time the dairy herd had been culled till most of the herd was registered stock.

Bill, Harry and Mary were all active in 4-H and showed many of their animals throughout the state, winning many ribbons and trophies. Marvin had been a 4-H leader for fourteen years when he passed away in March 1961. He also was a school board member for about fifteen years.

After Marvin's death Mrs. Turner and Mary remained on the farm for two years, with the help of Bill, Harry, and Vernon Guilford who had worked for the Turners.

In the fall of 1962 and farm was sold to C. W. Muckey of Lee's Summit and Mrs. Turner and Mary moved into their new home on Jefferson St. in Raymore.

Bill and Harry went to the Raymore School for twelve years. Mary graduated from Raymore Peculiar.

After graduation Bill went into the service spending one year in the states and three in France. He and Mary Archer were married in the Presbyterian Church on Jan. 4, 1957. They and their daughter, Tammy Sue, born Aug. 9, 1965, live in a new home across the street from the Church.

Harry joined the Army Reserves, after graduation, and spent six months active duty and five and a half inactive. He and Personia McMillan, who was from Raymore, were married in the Presbyterian Church June 14, 1959. They now live in Lee's Summit, Mo.

In 1965 Mary and Jimmy Miller, from Harrisonville, were married in the Methodist Church. They lived in Harrisonville four years, then built a home in Raymore. They have two boys, Carl Wayne, born Nov. 28, 1967, and Douglas Lee, born Oct. 20, 1970.

WILLIAM FENWICK TURNER FRANK SUMNER TURNER

Asbery Franklin Turner, born in Burlington, Iowa, was married in 1886 to Jane Eleanor Spoor, whose birthplace was Sunderland, England. They moved to Kansas City, Missouri, the same year and to Kansas City, Kansas in 1914. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters all born in the Kansas City area: William Fenwick, Charles Edward, Frank Sumner, Joseph Spoor, Ethel (Turner) Pierce, Alice (died at age 17), and Mildred (Turner) Jackson. Asbery Franklin Turner, born Oct. 18, 1859, died July 11, 1947. Jane (Spoor) Turner, born July 11, 1866, died April 26, 1958.

William Fenwick, or W. F. Turner, was married in Horton, Kansas in 1913 to Lyda Ruth Stoddard, daughter of Robert Leckie Stoddard and Elizabeth Mary Stoddard. Mr. Stoddard was a farmer. Mr. Turner farmed in the Horton area before moving to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in 1922.

Frank Sumner Turner, or F. S. Turner, was married in 1919 to Laura Mueller, daughter of Charles Paul Mueller, a florist in Wichita for 50 years, and Esther (Summy) Mueller, who came to Kansas in 1888 from Williamsville, N.Y. F. S. Turner was a county agent in Anderson County, Kansas before moving to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in 1922.

W. F. Turner and his brother, F. S. Turner, operated a dairy farm in Pleasant Hill for two years before they and their fami-

lies moved to Belton in 1924. They rented a farm and produced raw milk from a herd of Registered Jersey cows and ran a retail route in Kansas City. In 1930, they moved to the Holloway farm two miles west of Belton. Here they stayed for twenty-five years, eventually buying the farm from Mr. Holloway. W. F. Turner continued to operate the retail route in the south part of Kansas City, while F. S. Turner ran the farming end of the business. Tom Keeney and Dick Turner helped on the milk route, while Jay Hopper of Belton assisted with the farming.

Three disastrous fires occured during these years: in March, 1926, the milk barn was destroyed, in 1934 lightning caused the destruction of the combined machine shed and hay barn, and in November, 1936 defective wiring caused the fire that destroyed the residence.

The partnership was dissolved in 1947, when W. F. Turner retired, but he stayed in Belton. F. S. Turner bought the farm and continued farming operations.

W. R. Turner and his wife, Lyda, were the parents of two children: Robert Franklin and Jane (Turner) Dodson. Robert, associated with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and his wife, the former Winnie Wilson, are living in Sepulvoda, California. Jane and her husband, retired naval commander Albert LeRoy Dodson, were married in Hawaii in 1941 and live in Leawood, Kansas. They have three sons: James LeRoy, William Berry and Joseph Gary. Jim and wife, the former Jo Ann Hickerson, and two daughters, Eleanor and Laura, are in Japan. Bill and wife, the former Lou Jeans, live in Daytona Beach, Florida and have two daughters, Christie and Angela. Joe and wife, Denise Sands, live in Overland Park, Kansas.

W. F. Turner died in March, 1951, and his wife Lyda died in December, 1970.

F. S. Turner and his wife, Laura are the parents of four children: Richard Albert, Alice (Turner) Gerdel, Donald Frank and Margaret (Turner) Gamble. Dick is a quality control engineer in the Air Research Div. of the Garrett Corp. He and his wife, Lucille, a supervisor with J. C. Penney's, and son, Jim, are living in Phoenix, Arizona. Frank is chief engineer in the Transportation Division of the Otis Elevator Corp. He and his wife, the former Mary Jane Reeder, of Belton and a teacher, are living in Arvada, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. They have three children: Kathy Jo, Michael Frank and Mary Susan. Kathy Jo is married to Timothy Wolff and lives in Denver, Colorado. Alice and her husband Alfred Gerdel, are in Hutchinson, Kansas, Alice is treasurer of the Junior College and Al is pastor in the Presbyterian Church. They have four children: John Gregory, Steven Turner, Sherri (Gerdel) Parker and Richard Polson. Gregory and his wife, Cheryl, are in Waitsfield, Vermont. Steve and wife, Janice Porter, and their two children, Aaron and Sarah are living in Wichita, Kansas, as do Sherri and her husband, Craig Parker. Richard is still at home. Margaret and her husband, William John Gamble, have four children: Kristen Lynn, Thomas Frank, Bradley Don and Richard Joseph. Tom, Brad and Ricky are living in Gladstone, a part of Kansas City, Mo. Margaret, Bill and Kristy are teaching in schools in Missouri. Bill is a park ranger in Yellowstone Park during the summer months.

The Turner farm was sold to Ray Sims in 1954, but is now known as West Belton. The family moved into Belton in that year, where F. S. (Duke) became active in several civic organizations, including the American Legion, in which he is an officer at the present time. He was township assessor from 1956 to 1961.

The Turner Dairy delivery truck.

Both families were members of and active in the Belton Methodist Church.

FRANK TUTTLE

Ellis Franklin Tuttle was born December 8, 1891, at Deepwater, Missouri. His parents were Ellis and Catherine (Brown) Tuttle. The family moved to Butler when he was young and he attended elementary school there. He attended the Fort Scott, Kansas, Collegiate Institute from 1913 to 1971, when the school was closed bacause of World War I. He went into the armed forces and served until June 6, 1919, with seven months of that time with the A.E.F. in France.

Frank started his newspaper work at the age of 13 when he was employed by the Butler Weekly Times. While in Fort Scott he earned his way as a printer. After being discharged from service he came to Harrisonville, where his parents had moved, and that same month was employed by Homer J. Clark to work on "The Cass County Democrat", first as a printer, later as advertising salesman, still later took over the duties of news editor. He was an avid student of Cass County history and did much reserach in county records, interviewed older residents and wrote many articles about people and places of interest in the county for the newspaper. He maintained a log of all the principle stories contained in each copy of the newspaper from 1929 until shortly before his death October 31, 1966, and this is an invaluable record of the past for the present "Cass County Democrat-Missourian".

Frank was a long time member of the Kiwanis Club, serving 13 years as secretary, and was an active member of the Hurley Lee Spicer American Legion Post, serving as its Commander in 1930.

Frank Tuttle never married. He and his two sisters made a home for their parents until their deaths. The sisters, Lola Tuttle, a printer at the newspaper office for many years, and Mrs. Eura Tuttle Black, who was a telephone operator in Butler and Harrisonville, survived Frank. Lola died in 1971. Mrs. Black is still living in the family home.

F. R. TWENTE

F. R. Twente, a substantial farmer and stockman of Raymore Township, was a native of Missouri. He was born in St.

Charles County in 1859, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Twente, who immigrated from Germany to America in the early 1850's, making the voyage in one of the old time sailing vessels of that day. Fred Twente moved to Cass County on February 22, 1910, locating in Raymore Township about two miles west of Raymore on what is now 58 Highway. There he engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of white-faced cattle. He was also an extensive breeder of full blood Duroc-Jersey hogs. His farm was fertile and well improved with general buildings, Mr. Twente having built a new nine room modern house in 1910. Fred served as a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Belton for many years.

In 1885, Mr. Twente, was united in marriage with Miss Mary Woestemeyer. The following children were born of this union: John, Ella, Milton, Laura and Verna. Their second son, Milton, spent most of his lifetime on the home farm carrying on the successful farming operations begun by his father. Milton married Hattie Balding, of Belton, on December 28, 1916. Their three children, born in the house built by their grandfather were Mabel Rea (Mrs. T. J. Dean), now of Belton; Mary Lucille (Mrs. Ted Higgins), of Grandview and Milton H. Twente, Jr., of Belton. All were graduated from Raymore high school. Milton Twente served his community well, including service on the Raymore school board for twelve years, from 1928 to 1940. Milton, John and Ella are now deceased. Laura (Mrs. Earl Barr) and Verna (Mrs. Glenn Voorhees) are still residents of Raymore and Belton communities, as is Mrs. Milton Twente, Sr.

Other descendants include the sons of J. T. and Mabel Rea; Ronald and Milton Dean; Ronald's two daughters, Christine and Cheryl and Miltons' daughter, Deborah Jane, and son, Michael Owen. Also, Mary and Teds' son, Mark Higgins and Milton, Jr. and Marthas' two sons, Edwin and Steven Twente.

Fred Twente and his family were representative citizens of Cass County and Raymore Township.

FRED UNNEWEHR

Fred Unnewehr, a successful farmer and stockman of Austin Township, was born in Osnabruch, Hanover, Germany, September 17, 1862. Mr. Unnewehr came to the United States alone in 1882, landing in Baltimore, Maryland when he was 20 years old. He possessed an abundance of ambition and frugality. With these qualities, plus opportunity of the new world, he started at the bottom of the ladder to success and worked up. He acquired work as a laborer on farms in Illinois and Northern Missouri. After many years of work, he was able to acquire 40 acres of farm land near Norborne, Missouri.

On February 18, 1890 he was united in marriage to Minnie Theener, daughter of Ferdinand and Kathryn Theener of St. Louis, Missouri, at Breese, Illinois and started housekeeping on the 40 acres near Norborne, where they lived seventeen years. They sold the farm in 1907 and located in Cass County, buying a larger farm near Lone Tree where they lived until October, 1929, when he retired and moved to Harrisonville, Missouri, still with an interest in farming. When he retired, he owned 360 acres, all in Austin Township.

He was interested in raising Angus cattle, Poland China hogs and fine Percheron horses. In addition, he was very interested in modern machinery for farming; for instance, he installed the first farm electric light system in Cass County for his home in 1920.

In February, 1940, the Unnewehr's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Unnewehr acquired his United States citizenship in 1893.

They were parents of six children. Herman died in 1910 at the age of 19 years. Fred died of wounds in France in 1918 during World War I. Carl married Edith Stair, a local school teacher of Harrisonville, Mo. They lived on a farm near Lone Tree until 1946 when they moved to Mesa, Arizona. They had two children, Robert and Eleanor, and five grandchildren living in the Mesa, Arizona area.

George Unnewehr married Mable Ephland in 1925 and lived on part of the original Unnewehr farm. They had six children — four daughters, Virginia, Georgia, Margaret and Betty — two sons, John and Fred. They are all married and live in Cass and Jackson Counties, except Fred, who lives at Holt Summit, Missouri. They have 24 grandchildren and five great grandchilren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Unnewehr celebrated their 50 years of marriage in 1975 and are still living on the farm where they started housekeeping in 1925.

Henry Unnewehr married Opel Hoenshell in 1930 and lived on the Unnewehr home place. They had three children, Harold and Donald, who are married and live in the Harrisonville area and one daughter, Rose, who is married and lives in San Diego, California. They have one grandson. Henry Unnewehr passed away September, 1970 at the home place. His widow still lives on the place.

Wilhelmine Unnewehr married Fred J. Thomas, Jr. in 1940. They are parents of three children, F. J. III who is married and lives in Dayton, Ohio; Fredda, also married, lives in St. Charles, Mo.; Richard W. who resides in Houston, Texas. They have six grandchildren.

Fred Unnewehr passed away September 1943. Minnie Unnewehr passed away February, 1949.

JOHN HENRY URQUHART

John Henry Urquhart, Scotsman (whose old world family of shipbuilders and railroad men claimed their crest of three boars heads and motto "Mean Well. Speak Well. Do Well", as well as the Urquhart castle near Loch Ness), ventured from Roanoke, Virginia to Grain Valley, Missouri, where he courted and wed, on May 29, 1889, Ellen Eliza, school teacher daughter, of seven-foot-tall Zacharia Warren, son of beautiful Cherokee Lucinda Wingo Warren. On a farm near Harrisonville they welcomed Doris Mabel in 1890, then came Myrtle in 1891.

In 1892 they purchased 66 ⅔ acres north of Harrisonville. This land remains in the family and is now part of "Christmas Tree Lane," one of the nations largest choose and cut Christmas tree plantations. Here they built their home and the family increased to six strong sons and five beautiful daughters. Their modest house had an eighteen foot kitchen-dining room, a bed sitting room for mother and father, a parlor used only on Sundays by the preacher or for courting, and two

The John Henry Urquhart Family.

upstairs rooms, each 13 by 13 feet, one for girls, one for boys, happy space for Grandmother Warren, Uncle Bill Urquhart and the school teacher, who lived here while teaching at Bethel.

Students of all ages attended Bethel. There were Kirks, Browns, Penningtons, Guthries, Kohlers, Baldwins, Feebacks, Schmolls, Freuds, Newmans, Hayes, and Urquharts. Most walked or ran through mud, dust, snow or on ice and loved it. Along the way they gathered persimmons, paw paws, blackberries, wild flowers and late spring chiggers. Boys ran wintertime trap lines to catch mink, opossum, muskrats, coons, skunks etc.

Each month, all the family attended Little Flock Primative Baptist Church, two miles west. Humble Little Flock is still active with "Picnic on the Grounds" and singing without music.

Mabel taught school at Bethel before marrying John Lindsey, of south Missouri, in 1914. Widowed after fifty happy years in California she resides at Salida. Myrtle married O. C. Dawson, of Cass County in 1913. They are survived by three daughters, Geneva Dickerson, Nometta Hedgecock and Okema Sager. First son, Archie, 1893 to 1918, with 239 shipmates, was lost in the Bermuda Triangle when the U.S.S. Cyclops disappeared without trace. Virginia May, 1895, married A. L. Baldwin in 1912. She now lives in Butler, Missouri. Son, Forest, lives near Pleasant Hill. W. Earl (Blackie), 1896, married Edith Snyder, of Kansas City and has two daughters, Virginia Totta and Doris Baer. After 44 years with Railway Express, he retired in Kansas City.

Elizabeth Marie, 1901, married E. A. Davis in 1919 and is mother of Joanne Spencer Rockwood. Retired after 25 years with Harzfelds', of Kansas City, she is now Mrs. Elmer Rosanbalm, of Pleasant Hill. John Luther (Johnnie), 1902 to 1959, father of Jackie Lee and John Luther Jr., was a Lieutenant on the Long Beach, California police force for 33 years. Mildred (Mickey), 1904, married C. C. Phillips in 1923. She is now Mrs. Joe Hardacre residing in Richmond, California.

Oscar Glenn, 1906, after 30 years in the U.S. Navy retired at "Mustang" Commander in 1953. He was five years lt-heavy weight wrestling champion of the Asiatic Fleet. Married Dorothy Pimental in 1933. Father of Peggy Maloney, Dori Carlson and Joanna Rahiser. He operates Christmas Tree Lane with wife, Genie, (Genevieve Sumner of Olathe, Colorado) and daughter, Jackie Schwartz.

Orville M. (Monty), 1908, married Marie Burton of East Lynne December, 1931. Has son, Monty and Don. Retired as a (Mustang) Lt. Commander from U.S. Navy after 29 years service.

Frank E., 1910, married Alice Jessee in 1931. With Bordens Dairy for 33 years now retired and farming on Christmas Tree Lane. Bodies of John Henry, 1856-1940, and Ellen Eliza, 1867-1948, rest in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Lucinda Wingo Warren and son rest near Grain Valley.

JOHN "DUTCH" URTON

Mrs. John (Winnie) Urton, living now in Portland, Oregon with her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Dutro, was born in Bradford, Ohio, December 10, 1874. She married John Urton in 1897 in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Urton lived with Mr. Urton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Bake" Urton. Within the first year of their marriage, John Urton built a three-room house on what is now Maple Street, across from the present Foust home. At this time there were only ten houses in Peculiar.

"Uncle Bake" Urton and John Urton built many houses and other buildings in Peculiar, including the Bishop home, the Brierly home, and many other houses and buildings in the farm community surrounding Peculiar. They helped build the Methodist Church, and the William Wills home.

Later John Urton with Taylor Mills, operated an undertaking establishment with Earl Ewers as driver of the hearse. Ewers, at that time operated a livery stable in Peculiar.

STELLA URTON

One of the oldest living earlier settlers of Peculiar is Mrs. Jess (Stella) Urton, now living in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Mrs. Urton was born March 9, 1876, to a German immigrant family, Carl and Stella Newman, living near what is now Parsons, Kansas. She was one of twin daughters. Their mother died shortly after their birth. When only a few hours old, the Huffman family learned of the family's hardship and offered to take her into their home. Here she was fondly loved and cared for.

In 1880, the Huffman family moved to Cass County. At the age of seven, the family moved to Old Peculiar. In this vicinity, she grew to womanhood and on July 21, 1897, she was married to Jess Urton, son of Alfred Urton and a member of one of the earliest families to settle Peculiar. To Stella and Jess Urton were born four children, all living. They are: Will Urton, Butler, Missouri; Myrtle (Mrs. Charles Stine), Harrisonville; Hail Urton of Urich, Missouri; and Carl Urton of Peculiar, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Urton farmed extensively. In 1947 they were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their farm home. On March 3, 1957, Mr. Urton passed away and soon afterward Mrs. Urton moved to Harrisonville.

Besides her four children, Mrs. Urton has ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Her foster brothers and sisters passed away

several years ago, the last being Emma Huffman Brockhouse.

In later years Stella was reunited with her own family, although efforts to locate her twin sister were never realized. She had been placed in an orphanage and records had become lost.

JOHN VAN BRUNT JR.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Brunt, Jr. moved to Cass County in 1912 to the Westervelt Orchard, located four miles west of Belton in Section 17, of Mt. Pleasant Township. Mr. Van Brunt was a prominent Kansas City architect together with his brother, Adriance, for whom Van Brunt Blvd. was named as a member of the first Kansas City Park Board. They were the sons of Margaret Westervelt (1813-1882), for whom the orchard was named, and John Van Brunt (1802-1882), a New Jersey Senator. Their ancestor, Rutgerjoesten Van Brunt arrived in this country in 1653, being one of the original settlers of New Utrecht which is now New York. The Westervelts arrived in 1662 on the ship "Hoop" which is the Dutch word for hope.

John Van Brunt, Jr. (1854-1924) was married to Hope Casey Van Brunt on Oct. 19, 1887 in Kansas City. Hope was born at "Rosecroft", at Caseyville, Union Co., Kentucky on July 24, 1865, the daughter of Elizabeth Mackall Taylor and Nicholas Waggener Casey. She was a grand-niece of Pres. Zachary Taylor. The Casey family lived in New Orleans where Mr. Casey was an auditor for the Bureau of Customs from 1874 to 1884.

Hope was instrumental in marking the Santa Fe Trail through Missouri and was honored by the DAR for so doing. She was, also, one of the original restorers of the Old Arrowrock Tavern, Arrowrock, Mo. The original ferry across the Missouri river at Arrowrock was named "Hope" in her honor. She was a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster, presiding Elder of Plymouth Colony, who came from England on the Mayflower.

Faith Casey, Hope's twin sister, lived with the Van Brunts at the Westervelt Orchard until the orchard was sold prior to WW II. After that time, they made their home in Kansas City to be with their sister, Josephine Casey, one of the first Home Economics teachers in the Kansas City school district. They were members of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Josephine and a brother, Samuel Casey preceded their sisters in death. Faith died in 1950, Hope on Dec. 21, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Brunt, Jr. were the parents of John Van Brunt III (1888-1974) and Elizabeth Taylor Van Brunt Drury. John Van Brunt III was married to Grace March Wilson (1892-1973) on June 2, 1920. Grace, the founder of the Grace Company, was the granddaughter of George W. Scott, the founder of the town of Belton. The Van Brunts' have one daughter, Margaret Macon, who married Julian W. Rymar on December 11, 1954. They have three daughters, Ann Mackall, Gracen Macon and Margaret Gibson. The Rymars live in Kansas City and are the owners and managers of The Grace Company, a designer and manufacturer of children's clothing.

Elizabeth Taylor Van Brunt was united in marriage to Col. (ret.) Frederick Weed Drury and they are now living in Walnut Creek, Calif. They have two sons, Frederick Weed Drury, Jr., General Richard Taylor Drury and seven grandchildren.

Hope VanBrunt and Faith Casey at Westervelt Orchard in 1920.

GROVER CLEVELAND VAN METER

Grover Cleveland Van Meter (9), son of Robert (8) and Jimmie Duncan Van Meter, was born 13 Nov 1892 in the Brownville Community north-west of Freeman, Mo. and attended the Brownville School. He was twelve years old when his father died and the responsibility of helping rear the younger children fell upon the older brother and sister, and although Cleve (9) was very young he began working for farmers in the area, sometimes living in their homes.

On 29 Sept 1920 Cleve (9) married Margaret Hite, daughter of John Franklin and Myrtle Reno Hite. The ceremony was performed in the Murt Harris home in Harrisonville by Rev. Weir. Their first home was in Freeman, Mo. while Cleve (9) continued to do farm work. Prior to their marriage Margaret had been the switchboard operator for the Cass County Telephone Co.

Cleve (9) became co-owner of a grocery store in Freeman but later sold his share to one of the partners and went to work for Weller's Produce, where he drove a truck route picking up produce from area farmers. He was well liked by the people that he met daily and had the reputation of enjoying a joke. He asked a lady customer who came to the produce store to buy "bird dog food" if she wanted "pointer" or "setter" food. When she telephoned her husband to find out she was assurred by him that she was on the receiving end of one of Cleve's (9) jokes.

Margaret took charge of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. and the family moved into the home which also housed the office and switchboard. Cleve (9) then went to work at the United States Post Office in Freeman. His health failed and he died 10 Jan 1952 and was buried in the Freeman Mo. Cemetery.

Cleve (9) and Margaret Van Meter were parents of two children: Robert Franklin (10), married Jo-Ann Porter; and Norma Geraldine, married Marvin Lee Staley. Norma and Marvin Staley had two daughters; Marvalee Ann, born 29 Nov 1947, married John Unrein, and had one son Matthew Marvin 29 April 1974; and Jerre Lynne born 21 Aug 1950.

Robert Franklin Van Meter (10) was born 30 Oct 1923 in Freeman, Mo. where attended school. He attended Business College in Kansas City where he later was employed. When he returned to Cass County he worked at Hight-Eidson

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Van Meter.

Abstract Office and later in retail Men's Clothing. On 13 May 1951 he married Jo-Ann Porter, daughter of Theodore and Zedna Bramhall Porter. She was born 29 Aug. 1931 in Harrisonville.

In 1959 Bob (10) purchased a Flower Shop located on the north-east corner of the Square in Harrisonville. It was a good outlet for his natural artistic ability and within a short time he expanded it, adding a gift line, and Antiques. He moved the business to the Kunze building on the north-west corner of the Square. Bob (10), a civic-minded man, always maintained an interest in Harrisonville, its assets, and its growth. He was equally interested in the future of his native Freeman.

Bob (10) and Jo-Ann Van Meter are parents of one son Robert Douglas Van Meter (11), born 31 Dec 1955 in Harrisonville. Young Bob (11) attended school at Harrisonville and at the time this writing is a student at S.M.S.U., and is capable help in the family shop.

There is a story handed down in this family telling of a Tribe of Indians crossing a river as they moved their home. The river was swifter than they expected and it swept all of them to their death except two young girls who were playing along the way and lagged behind. When they saw what was happening to those ahead in the water they stayed on the bank and didn't venture in. Later they were befriended by a Van Meter family who reared them, and one of the girls married one of the Van Meter boys. More than one generation has claimed Indian ancestry. History has many documented stories like this one, but after much research this writer has never been able to prove or disprove this story.

JOHN WILLIAM VAN METER

John William Van Meter, son of Robert and Jimmie Duncan Van Meter, was born 1-31-1886 and died 1-28-1957. He married Nannie Elizabeth (Lizzie) Russell 12-6-1911. She was born 1-6-1889 and died 12-1-1954. John and Lizzie had three children, Esther Elaine, who died in infancy, La Verna Marie, born 12-26-1914 and Robert Russell, born 3-1-1916.

La Verna married Clyde Shipley. He was the son of Eliza and Martin Shipley. Clyde was born May 9, 1914 and died 11-1-1969. They have three sons. R. Clyde, Jr., John Martin and Van Vernon. R. Clyde, Jr. married Sandra Anne May. She is the daughter of Harold and Isabelle May. They have two sons, Kevin Ray and John Matthew. Van Vernon married Joy Marguerite Weaver, the daughter of John and Zieta Weaver.

Robert Russell Van Meter married Elizabeth Bratcher, the daughter of Jo and Amanda Jacobs. Their children were: her daughter, Dorothy Lee Bratcher and their son William Robert. Dorothy Lee married Edward Johnston and their children are: Marcella, Bill and Debby. Dorothy Lee's second husband is Brad Hodges. William Robert (Bill) married Sherron Mayfield. Their children are Stacy, Robbie, and Bart.

VAN METER FAMILY

The immigrant ancestor of the Cass County line of Van Meters was Jan Joosten van Meteren (1). He and his wife Macyken Hendricksen, and their five children arrived at New Netherlands in America in the ship "Fox" in 12 Sept 1662. He came from Thielerwardt, a fortified town in Gelderland, Holland and his wife from Meppelen, Province of Drenthe, where they were married and the following children were born: Lysbeth, Catherine, Geertje, Joost Jansen (2), and Gysbert Jansen.

Jooste Jansen van Meteren (2) is said to have been the first white man to visit the country immediately south of the Potomac. He was an Indian Trader and pioneer explorer of the Shenandoah Valley. He and his wife Sara DuBois, daughter of Louis DuBois and Catherine Blanchan, French Huguenots, were parents of Jan Jansen (3), Rebecca, Lysbeth, Isaac, and Hendrick Jansen.

Jan Jansen van Meteren (3) married (1) Sara Bodine, daughter of Marie Crocheron and Jean Bodine. Their children were: Sarah, Johannes (John), and Marie. Jan Jansen (3) married (2) Margaret Mollenauer, daughter of Henddic Mollenauer. Their children were: Rebecca, Isaac, Elizabeth, Henry (4), Rachel, Abraham, Jacob, and Maudlina. This family moved to Maryland before 1726, and later to Virginia, now Berkley Co., West Virginia.

Henry Van Metre (4) married (1) Eve Pyle about 1736. They had; Hohn, Joseph, Henry, Jr., Isaac, and Jacob (5). Henry (4) married (2) Hannah Pyle, about 1756. They had; Hannah, Ruth, Nathan, Joshua, and Hester. Henry (4) married (3) Mrs. Elizabeth Pyle. No children of this marriage has been found recorded. Henry (4) served in Frederick Co., Virginia Militia. He was a member of the Peace Commission of West Augusta Co., Virginia in 1776, and was Sheriff of Frederick Co., Virginia.

Jacob Van Metre (5) married in Virginia, a German woman, Catherine Covenhaven. They accompanied his Uncle Jacob Van Metre, Sr., and a large group of relatives and friends to Kentucky in 1778 and 1779. They came down the Ohio River on barges to the point where they came inland and built a fort for protection against the Indians and where Jacob, Sr. later built his home and a mill. It was about 1½ or 2 miles from Elizabethtown, Kentucky and was called Fort Van Metre. It was one of the first forts built in Kentucky and was well located because 185 years later the big spring he used was still being used for the water supply of Elizabethtown. Jacob Van Metre (5) was commissioned an Ensign at Fort Henry, Virginia in the Militia for Kentucky and April 1778 marched under Col. George Rogers Clark. He was appointed by Governor Thomas Jefferson, May 1782, a Captain and marched with Lewis and Clark's Expedition that Fall.

Jacob Van Metre (5) and Catherine Covenhaven had the following children; Abraham, married Sally Van Metre; William, married Elizabeth Goodin; Jacob, married Ruth Spurrier; George Washington, married Ellen Carson; Henry, mar-

ried Easter; John (6), married Rachel Watson; Hannah, married Ebenezer Richardson; Rebecca, married Jesse Morrison; Ruth, married (1) Thomas Davis, (2) Giles Chambers. Jacob Van Metre (5) married (2) Rebecca Rawlings. Their children were; Nancy, married Joseph Van Metre; Letitia, married J. Watson; Mahala, married (1) William Prather, (2) George Milburn; and Edward R. Van Metre, married Mary Bird.

John Van Metre (6), born circa 1792, married Rachel Watson 12 Feb. 1813 in Hardin County, Kentucky, where he was a miller and farmer. Little else is known of his life. Children of John (6) and Rachel Watson Van Metre were: Josiah, married Amanda Glover; William, (7) married Margaret Creager; Nancy, married Bladen A. Williamson; and Jane, married Aaron Van Metre.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Meter.

ROBERT VAN METER (8)

Robert Van Metre, born 21 March 1848 in Hardin Co., Kentucky, was the oldest child of William B. (7) and Margaret Creager Van Metre. He came to Cass County, Mo. with his family in 1870 when he was 22 years old. He was a farmer in the Freeman Community and a very capable carpenter.

On 2 Dec. 1885 he married Jimmie Duncan, daughter of John and Josephine Shaler Duncan. Jimmie was born 24 Jan. 1866. Robert (8) and Jimmie were parents of nine children: John William, Mary, Fredrick, Grover Cleveland (9), Lee Roy, Walter, and Clyde Christian. Two children died in infancy.

Robert Van Metre (8) died 29 April 1904, when he was only 56 years old though his obituary states that he was "an aged and respected citizen of Cass County". Some years later Jimmie Duncan Van Metre married William Warner. She died 27 Feb. 1940 and both she and Robert Van Metre (8) are buried in the Freeman Mo. Cemetery.

It might be well to note here the change in spelling of the family name. In the very early years when Jan Joosten immigrated from Holland he no doubt used van Meteren, (which means "of Meteren") to distinguish himself from others with similar given names. Less than a hundred years later the name was written Van Metre, which some family lines still use, while others use the spelling Van Meter.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Van Meter.

WILLIAM B. VAN METER

William B. Van Metre(7) was born in Hardin County, Kentucky 17 Feb. 1824. On 8 Feb. 1824. On 8 Feb. 1847 he married Margaret Creager, daughter of Christian and Sally Bird Creager also of Hardin Co.

Will (7) was a farmer and miller, as was his father and grandfather before him. Family legend tells that, at the time of the Civil War, he threatened to drown a subscriber if he crossed the Nolin River where the Van Metre Mill was located to enlist Will for Military duty. He did not lack the patriotism that his grandfather had shown by serving during the revolution, but he knew that his was the only Mill in operation in the surrounding countryside at that time and without him his neighbors and friends would suffer more hardship and discomfort than they already felt because of the War.

On 20 Sept. 1870 Will (7) and Margaret left Hardin County, moving their family to Cass County, Missouri in three covered wagons. Their journey ended south of Freeman, Mo. Will (7) had traveled to Illinois and Missouri prior to the move in search of good farm land. He had considered land south of Peculiar, but decided the soil "wasn't the right color". After settling in Cass County he bought several hundred acres near Freeman, Mo. and became a successful farmer in the area.

All seven of the children of Will (7) and Margaret Van Metre were born before the family came to Missouri and all of them grew to maturity in the Freeman area. They were: Robert (8), married Jimmie Duncan; John Christian, married Melvina Buckles; Sarah, married Richard Tabb; William Henry Clay, married Mary Alice Thomas; Amanda, married Peter Maloney; Jefferson Davis, married Mary Elizabeth Williams; and Levi, married Ellen Nelson.

Margaret Creager Van Metre died 9 Sept. 1875, only five years after coming to Missouri with her family. Will (7) died 18 Feb. 1890. Both are buried in the Freeman Mo. Cemetery.

LORENZO DOW VANSANDT

Lorenzo Dow Vansandt, progenitor of the Vansandts of

Cass County, was a son of Elijah Vansandt (Vanzandt/Vinsant/Vandzant/Vanzant) and his wife Eleanor Wilson who were married September 2, 1784 in Botetourt County, Virginia. Elijah served 7 years in the American Revolution, using a gourd for his powder horn. Four years after the war ended, he was ordained an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. According to family tradition, he knew Greek and Latin and in 1805, his was the first Methodist Episcopal sermon to be preached in Gallia County, Ohio. As a circuit-riding minister, he liked that part of Ohio and moved his family there in 1806 from Rockbridge County, Virginia. Elijah soon died; the settlement of his estate was commenced November 30, 1807 in the common pleas court of Gallia County. The estate records list 7 children: James, Nancy, John, Betsey, Matty, Sally, and Lorenzo. Elijah and Eleanor had named their youngest son for Lorenzo Dow, popular Methodist preacher at the time. The widow Eleanor was married on May 1, 1809 in Gallia

Lorenzo Dow Vansandt 1804-1892.

County to Samuel Logue and they had a son, Alexander.

Lorenzo Dow Vansandt, like his father, became a Methodist minister. Lorenzo was born March 4, 1804 in Virginia. On Septenber 14, 1830 in Gallia County, Ohio, he married Leah Rothgep, born December 25, 1811 in Ohio, daughter of Samuel Rothgep (Rothgeb/Roadcape/Roadcap) and his wife, Mary Strickler. Lorenzo and Leah had 3 children, all born in Ohio: Samuel Vinton (born October 15, 1831), Mary Eleanor (born February 25, 1836), and Martha Romain (born June 21, 1843). Lorenzo and Leah left Ohio and were in Cass County, Missouri by 1870, settling at Austin.

Samuel Vinton Vansandt (1831-1899) married Eveyann Tipton on January 1, 1857 and also came to Cass County. They had 8 children: Mary Romain (1857-1927) married Joseph Austin; Hellen Livonia (1860-1860—; Cassius Lorenzo Dow (1861-1937) married Millie Decker; Henry Everett (1865-1948), unmarried; James Harrison (1868-1961), unmarried; Arthur Elmor (1871-1872); Lola Irena (born 1874) married Jay Holloway; and Morris Sherman (born 1880) married Lois Tenbrook.

Mary Eleanor Vansandt, born 1836, married Aaron Gross on November 22, 1855 in Gallia County, Ohio. They came to Cass County about 1871, settling just south of what later was the town of Archie. Their children were Eddie, Lorenzo F., Augusta A., Corinda Orzella, Leah Estelle, Valcalo Horton, Myrtie Dell, twins, Othello Ellsworth and Ello Vansandt and Aaron Fredonia. The Grosses also had a foster son, Perry. Mary Eleanor died February 27, 1881 and is buried beside her husband, Aaron Gross, in the Crescent Hill Cemetery in northern Bates County, Missouri.

Martha Romain Vansandt, youngest child of Lorenzo and Leah, married Richard Bunce on July 26, 1866 in Gallia County, Ohio. Martha's daughter, Leah Ajesta ("Jessie"), born May 31, 1862, lived with her grandparents, Lorenzo and Leah. In his 1872 will, Lorenzo intended for Jessie to receive his property in Austin.

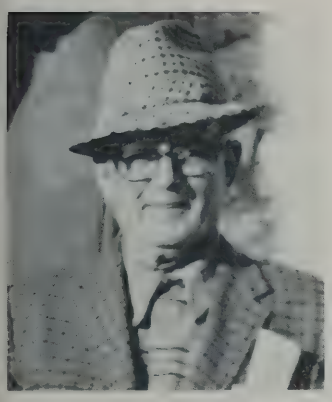
Methodist minister and ancestor of several Cass Countians, Lorenzo Dow Vansandt in 1870 owned 80 acres in Section 2 of Austin Township and Lot 51 in the town of Austin. He died May 17, 1892 and was buried in the Vansandt Cemetery at the south edge of Section 2. His tombstone has a familiar inscription: "Remember men as you pass by/ As you are now, so once was I/ As I am now so you must be/ Prepare for death and follow me." Leah died January 21, 1894 and shares Lorenzo's tombstone. Seven marked graves — all Vansandts — are in the cemetery.

WILLIAM M. VOORHEES

In the year 1886, two brothers, George W. and William M. Voorhees, migrated to Missouri from West Virginia and found employment with James Hale, a prominent farmer and stockman who resided northwest of Belton. In the year 1895, William was married to Miss Ida M. Ferguson, of Belton. They set up housekeeping and started farming for themselves. They resided in the Belton community until 1918, at which time they purchased a farm two miles west of Raymore on what is now M-58. They lived on this farm until 1935 when they retired and moved into the city of Raymore. Here they spent the remaining years of their lives. Both were members of the Raymore Methodist Church. Mrs. Voorhees preceded her husband in death in April of 1947. Mr. Voorhees passed away in March, 1957.

They were the parents of six children: Walter L.; Robert E. and Susie E., all deceased; John M., of Indialantic, Florida; Myrtle L., of Grandview, Missouri and Helen K., a resident of Raymore.

Abigia C. and Samantha Parris Cope.



EVERETT EARL WADE

Everett Earl Wade was born Aug. 7, 1912, Kansas City, Mo., son of Earl Wade (born May 31, 1885, died Dec. 16, 1913) and his wife Mamie Bryant (born Mar. 3, 1892, died Dec. 27, 1965). His paternal grandparents were Henry J. and Rachael Jane (Loveall) Wade of Warrensburg, Mo. His maternal grandparents were Atlas Pierce Bryant, son of Edward and Matilda Bryant of Ky., and his wife Martha Jane Short, daughter of Lorenzo Dow and Rutelia Jane (Claiborne) Short also of Ky.

Atlas Pierce and Martha Jane Bryant and 3 children came to Mo. 1873, settling on a farm in the Oak Grove community north of Warrensburg, and there 7 more children were born. Atlas Pierce Bryant died 1909 and Martha Jane (Short) Bryant died 1947.

Earl Wade and Mamie Bryant were married Apr. 23, 1911, Warrensburg, Mo. They moved to Kansas City, Mo. where Earl was killed Dec. 16, 1913 in a blasting powder accident during the construction of the Kansas City Union Station. Everett was eighteen months old at the time and his sister Gladys (Mrs. A. L. Ball of Belton, Mo.) only two weeks old. Mamie Wade and her two small children moved to the farm home of her mother where they stayed until the children were old enough for school. Mamie Wade had obtained employment in an overall factory in Warrensburg, where she worked over 40 years. She made her home in Warrensburg, where she worked over 40 years. She made her home in Warrensburg where her children were educated.

Everett Wade had many jobs from time to time to help with expenses. He finished high school and graduated from Central Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg. He was employed for some time by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, traveling extensively over the U.S. on a triangulation survey field party. In the fall of 1939 Everett came to Harrisonville, Mo. to teach in the new Industrial Arts department of the high school. He entered military service as a private June 7, 1941, and was discharged Apr. 21, 1946 as a Chief Warrant Officer, after serving in the Technical Training Command of the Air Force and the Ordnance Department. His tour of duty included both the European and South Pacific theaters. In 1946 he worked in a Civil Service position, leaving that in 1966. Jan. 1976 he retired as Juvenile Officer of the 17th Judicial Circuit. He has always been interested in farming and livestock and those interests, along with hunting and conservation concerns, occupy his time now.

On Dec. 24, 1941 Everett Wade married Margaret Idol, daughter of Edgar Ross and Mary Elizabeth (Shouse) Idol. She graduated from Central Missouri State Teachers College and taught school in Harrisonville before her marriage. After WW II they made home on a farm SW of Belton, Mo., moving in 1974 to a smaller farm west of Harrisonville. They are members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Harrisonville, where Everett has served as a vestryman and senior Warden and Margaret as a member of the Altar Guild. They are active members of the Democratic party in which Margaret has served as Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee. She is also an active member and past president of the Cass County Historical Society.

GEORGE W. WADE

George W. Wade, born Oct. 8, 1840 near Bowling Green, Warren Co., Ky., died Feb. 10, 1917 near Creighton, Cass Co., Mo., buried Wadesburg Cemetery, was son of John Wade born ca1800, Va. and Dulcenia Austin born 1805, Richmond Va., who were married at Richmond Mar. 29, 1821, moved after some years from Va. to Ky., then later to Ill. where he died. Dulcenia came to Cass Co., Mo. and died Dec. 19, 1891 at Wadesburg. John and Dulcenia Wade had 13 children: (1) Elizabeth P. Wade born Dec. 22, 1821. (2) Woodson A. Wade born Dec. 26, 1824, married 1845, Warren Co., Ky. Ellen Frances Wright, came to Mo. after marriage and to Cass Co. in the mid-1850s, was the founder of Wadesburg. (3) William H. Wade born Mar. 30, 1827. (4) John P. Wade born Feb. 29, 1829. (5) Archaball A. Wade born Dec. 27, 1831. (6) Mary M. Wade born Nov. 22, 1832. (7) Littleton W. Wade born Jan. 28, 1834. (7) Raenea A. Wade born July 28, 1836, married in Ill. a Mr. Uterberg or Hudeburg and came with two daughters to Cass Co. (9) Heneretta C. Wade born Feb. 20, 1838. (10) George W. Wade. (11) Lucy Jane Wade born Apr. 9, 1843. (12) James M. Wade born Feb. 26, 1845. (13) Martha F. Wade born Feb. 1, 1847, married in Ill. J. W. Buzan and came to Cass Co. where he was Constable of Sherman Twp. in 1882.

George W. Wade married first Sept. 15, 1864 Isabelle McGrew of Ill. who died 1872 and is buried at Wadesburg, Mo.; married second Dec. 24, 1873, Cass Co., Phoebe Jane Wilson, daughter of Robert and Mary C. (Heifner) Wilson, born Feb. 25, 1855, died Dec. 22, 1935, buried at Wadesburg. Both were members of the Creighton Baptist Church. George W. Wade is said to have been in Cass Co., Mo. at the time of the Civil War and served as a Union soldier in the Harrisonville home guards. He was in Ill. to marry and welcome two children before settling permanently in now Sherman Twp., Cass Co., where he was a farmer and served as Postmaster at old Wadesburg and at Creighton when the railroad was built and the town started. Of his first marriage were 3 children: Mary Frances Wade born June 2, 1865, Ill., William Henry Wade born 1866 near Galesburg, Knox Co., Ill., and John Oscar Wade born Nov. 21, 1871, Mo. Of his second marriage were 3 children: Charles B. Wade born Oct. 31, 1877, Russie Edith Wade born Oct. 12, 1890, and a child who died in infancy.

Mary Frances Wade married Feb. 16, 1888 Daniel B. O'Bannon and had 9 children: Eva born Dec. 19, 1888, married 1923 Avis Lotspeich; Frank born Apr. 29, 1890, married 1910 Jessie Kackley, had children Clark, Thelma and Robert; Floyd born Mar. 16, 1892, married 1913 Emma Chisler, had children Helen Faye, LaDon, Edna Lee, and Gene; Daniel Glenn born Nov. 23, 1893, has wife Ruby and children Douglas, Mary Frances, and G. W.; Robert Lee born Oct. 10, 1895,

married 1921 Florence Little, has children Norman Lee and Leon; Hazelwood born July 22, 1897, died 1953 Oskaloosa, Ia., married Laura Bollinger, had children Josephine, Jack, and Mosetta; Delmar Wade born July 28, 1899, married Miss Baxter and had children Irene and Virginia, married second 1928 Melva Heurlin, had a third marriage; Everett Dean (Bob) born Dec. 29, 1901, has wife Mildred and son Everett Dean; Joe Estel born Apr. 19, 1906, has wife Bernice and children Georgie and John Mackey.

William Henry Wade married 1889 Mary Etta Gregg, had 5 children: Louis Alvis, Lura Bell (Wade) Tumblin or Tomberlin, Bryan Wesley (or George Wesley Bryan), and twins Charles William Henry and Pearl (Wade) Cowan.

John Oscar Wade died Sept. 28, 1945 in Calif., married May Cochran, had children Arta and Reynolds Turner.

Charles B. Wade died Sept. 2, 1956, married Nov. 22, 1906, Dayton, Mo., Nellie May Ruckel, daughter of George W. and Ellen Smith Ruckel, born March 12, 1882 near Creighton, died Jan. 13, 1969. Both are buried Urich, Mo. Cemetery. They lived S. of Creighton their whole married life, the homeplace being now occupied by their son Laurence and daughter Eleanor. They had 3 children: Laurence R. born Oct. 21, 1907, Eleanor born Dec. 22, 1909, and George W. born Oct. 2, 1912 who married Nov. 26, 1951, Bentonville, Ark., Dona Jo Pullen, daughter of Alva Edgar and Lola Tyler Pullen, born Feb. 18, 1929, Garden City, Mo. They have 4 children, George W. born Mar. 17, 1953, Mary Lee born June 5, 1954, Robert Lynn born Nov. 10, 1955, and Charles B. born Sept. 19, 1964.

Edith Wade died Dec. 14, 1967, Urich, Mo., is buried there, married Jan. 13, 1909, Harrisonville, Joe Catron Ross, son of James D. and Dora Ross, born Mar. 3, 1890, Creighton. They had 5 children: Charles Eugene born Sept. 10, 1909, Velma (Ross) Nelson born Mar. 20, 1911, Wade J. born Dec. 8, 1912, Wilma (Ross) Williams born Sept. 23, 1914, and Joe C. Jr. born Apr. 9, 1917. The first two were born at Creighton, Mo., the last three in Montana.

CLYDE A. WADSWORTH

I, Clyde Arlington Wadsworth, Sr. was born May 3, 1876 in Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, (my parents being Dawson C. Wadsworth (1852-1921) and Mary (Bollinger Wadsworth (Sept 1849-Dec. 1947), in my grandfather Dawson Wadsworth's big log house, situated on the West end of the Wadsworth bridge. The log house was a large one, two rooms down stairs, with a part built onto each end, a large stone chimney in the center and three rooms up. We lived in the West end of that house until I was two and a half years old. In my early boyhood we moved to Clay township and my mother and father taught country schools. They were paid about $20.00 per month, each. We moved back to the Wadsworth farm the Fall of 1866 onto 30 acres my father purchased from grandfather. I had one sister, Katherine I. Wadsworth (Aug. 1873-1957) and one brother Percy Dawson (Dec. 1879-1948). We attended Oak Grove School. As a young man I went to Pittsburgh with my brother where I worked for the Union Switch and Signal Co., a branch of Westinghouse, located in Swissvale, Pa.

Clyde A. Wadsworth, his son and daughter.

I met and married Maggie M. Campbell (Oct. 1881-Jan. 1975), in Smithfield, West Virginia, May 18, 1904. After marriage we moved to Gulfport, Miss. and engaged in the clothing business. We lived in South Dakota several years and 15 years in Kansas, moving to Harrisonville in 1941 after retiring from the mercantile business and purchased and farmed the former Yoder farm, Gray Gables for several years.

We had three children, Mary Alma (June 1908-1958) Agnes H. (Dec. 1910) Clyde A. Jr. (Jan. 1913). Alma Married Hugo Nyman (Nov. 1906) in July 1933, they had two sons, Gary W. Nyman (May 1937) married Kay Morning, July 1971. Bruce C. Nyman (Nov. 1939) married Mary Ann Tippin, they have two children Richard and Mary Ann Nyman. Agnes Married Robert Leinenger Feb. 1943, they have two sons, Robert II (Sept. 1944) and Alan W. (May 1951). Brother, Percy married Lena Ellen Rick (July 1888) Gulfport, Miss. they had two sons, Lawrence Dawson (July 1911) married Lillian Craig they have one son, Craig Dawson Wadsworth; and Charles Bruce (Dec. 1914) Married Lois, they have two children, Lana and Lon.

My great grandfather was William Wadsworth, County of Monagan, Milltown Ireland (March 17, 1764-March 17, 1856.)

My great great grandfather, Abraham Bollinger (1756) served in the York County Militia in 1778. He is listed as a private in the Captain Leehner's Company and also 2nd Lieutenant and Captain of the 1st Company Fifth Battalion, York County, which sent five battalions to New Jersey where they joined Washington's army and fought in Long Island and Fort Washington on the Hudson. My Mother, Mary Bollinger was raised on the land grant that Abraham received for serving in the armed forces of the country. It was about 160 acres known as Chestnut Ridge (Cherry Township) Butler County, Pa. This land was never used until my Grandfather, John Bollinger (1818-1893), grandson of Abraham, took possession of it and I believe his Father, Christian Bollinger (1785-1875) lived with them.

John Bollinger married Katherine Wallace of near Unionville, Pa., built a log house, moved in, started to clear land, build stone fences, burn charcoal for the Hickory iron furnace, teach school and raise a family. They had three boys and three girls, Wallace, Mary Wadsworth, Ell Ralston, Charles, Flody Kissic and Orville. The three older ones all taught School and Charles became a Methodist minister.

My grandparents had great ability to make use of whatever was at hand. Grandfather could fashion most anything out of wood with an ax, broad ax, foot adz, froe, draw knife, hand saw or any tool available. He made most of his farm equipment, which consisted of, ox yoke, wood sled, land roller,

flails, fanning mill, wooden scoop, hand rakes, baskets, barrels, hinges for gates and barn doors and bee hives. He had a large apiary and sold honey. He did all his own budding and grafting and had the finest orchard in the neighborhood. He was one of the first to use fertilizer, about 1884. When he butchered a beef he would take the hide to the Slippery Rock Tannery, get the leather in the Fall, make lasts and make shoes for the whole family. He was a religious man, a great reader and assembled quite a library. Grandmother made all the children's clothing, milked the cows, made the butter, dried the fruit, baked the bread on the hearth in a dutch oven or in the big clay oven outside. She bleached the ashes to make lye to make soap. She had a wonderful flower garden and large vegetable garden.

There were ten children in my grandfather's family, one brother Daniel's family moved west to Union Star, Missouri where 32 members of that branch of the family still reside, as farmers, teachers, etc. (the family of Harry and Frances Bollinger, Union Star).

DOUGLAS CHARLES WAGNER

Douglas Charles Wagner was born March 7, 1867, two miles northeast of Harrisonville. His parents were Isaac Peter Wagner and Mary Moore Hudson Wagner. Isaac Peter Wagner was born near Harrisonville February 26, 1824 and died September 24, 1883. He married Mary Hudson in 1847 and they were the parents of nine children: George Byron Wagner (Aug. 7, 1849-May 1, 1919); Nancy Elizabeth Wagner (Sept. 22, 1850-Nov. 22, 1927); Clarissa Jane Wagner (Dec. 16, 1853-Mar. 4, 1880); Laura Anne Wagner and Jacob Ira Wagner (both died during the civil war); Frances Cathren Wagner (July 22, 1881); Peter Sylvester Wagner (Feb. 29, 1864); Douglas Charles Wagner (March 7, 1867-Jan. 24, 1950) and Christopher Perry Wagner (Aug. 11, 1870-Feb. 27, 1878). Isaac and son, George, served in the Union Army between Harrisonville and Kansas City, Missouri, helping the U.S. supply trains get through. These trains were being attacked by the Kansas Red Legs and Missouri Bushwhackers, two bands of thieves in the area. Three of Isaac Wagner's brothers joined the Confederate Army in the South and never returned. Captain Bob Gilliland (married to Isaac's sister) had Harry S. Truman's Dad serving under him.

Douglas Charles Wagner married Cornelia Annas Brown, daughter of Quillar and Nancy Brown, February 27, 1889 in the old frame Christian Church of Harrisonville, which burned in 1916. They made their home in Gunn City on a farm, where most of their children were born. In 1904 they bought the "old home place" two houses east of the Orient Cemetery, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The farm was modern for its day, having a coal furnace in the basement of the two story house and a full bath upstairs that was furnished water by a windmill and pipeline system.

There was a large main barn, several other buildings and a huge orchard, all enclosed by a white board fence. The front yard had several cedar trees in it that are still standing. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were active members of the First Christian Church of Harrisonville, where Doug sang in the choir. Mr. Wagner was a very successful farmer, raising all of their fruit, and was still tending his crops with a team of horses when he died at the age of 82 years. To this union six children were born: Quillar Isaac Wagner (Mar. 1, 1890-Mar. 23, 1971—; Letha Frances Wagner McGee St. John Shultz (Mar. 7, 1893-July 18, 1958); Floren Wilburn Wagner (July 1, 1885-April 1971); Alpha Mary Nancy Wagner Still (July 18, 1898); Opal Adalene Wagner Atkinson (May 31, 1904) (see Theodore Wayland Atkinson history) and Albert Douglas Wagner (July 13, 1908). Alpha still lives in Peculiar, Missouri, and Opal (Mrs. Charles S.) Atkinson lives in Harrisonville, Missouri.

W. D. "DALE" WAINWRIGHT

In 1957 Dale and Beverly Wainwright moved to Harrisonville. They were newly married and had been looking for an apartment to start housekeeping. Mr. Wainwright was employed by The Western Electric Installation Division of Kansas City, Missouri. His wages then were around $35 a week. A friend told them about an apartment on 800 East Pearl Street. They rented the five room furnished apartment for $35 a month from Mrs. Dora Barnard. The old two story historic house since then has been torn down. It was known as the "Ryan House." While living here their daughter, Joyce Marie, was born.

They purchased the Harrisonville Taxi Company from Don and Ulah Richardson and operated it from this location. They equipped the taxi with the first 2-way radio system. From East Pearl Street they moved to 907 Green Street and continued the taxi service. In 1960 they sold the Taxi Company to Damon Bartles.

In 1960 they purchased a farm 5 miles Southwest of Harrisonville in the Grandriver area. While living here their daughter, Judy Marlene was born.

In 1962 they sold their farm and bought a spacious 11 room house in Drexel. This house was a landmark of Stuart City and was known as the "Old Pfost Place". The old buggy steps are still in front of the house. While living here their son, Alan Dale, was born. Because of the rising cost of living and the several miles Dale had to drive to work, they sold the large house and bought a five acre tract of land near Freeman, where they are presently living.

Their daughter Joyce is studying to be a nurse. Judy and Alan attend the Cass Midway R1 School, near Cleveland, Mo. Dale is still employed with the Western Electric Co. and Beverly is employed at The Little Shirt Factory in Freeman, Mo.

In their spare time they enjoy fishing, hunting and traveling.

JAMES WALTERS

The Russell F. and Gloria W. Bennett farm, in the North part of Camp Branch Twp., Cass Co., Mo., is located on the original land homesteaded in June 1851 by Russell F. Bennett's great grandfather James Walters, who was then age 29. The Bennetts possess the treasured original documents, including the Land Grant and the first Abstract of Title No. 1594.

James Walters married, prior to 1849, Cynthia Ann, whose surname is not yet known. She was born 1823 and died 1911, her tombstone in the Pitts Chapel Cemetery reading "Sinthy A. Walters". James and Cynthia Ann Walters had 6 children: Joseph H. Walters born 1854 and died age 7; William Walters who died about 1914, was unmarried; Sarah Walters; Lyda (Lydia Elizabeth) Walters; Christopher G. Walters born 1850, died 1914, unmarried; Minnie Bell Walters born Apr. 5, 1868, died Mar. 20, 1946, married July 31, 1917 Edward B. Brumley.

After the death of his father, Christopher G. Walters remained with his mother, brothers and sisters and assumed his father's responsiblities until all had left the homestead except his mother and sister Minnie Bell. Since Cynthia Ann Walters had lost her eyesight after the birth of her second child, she was never able to see her other four children. Yet, being a true pioneer woman, she remained an active, busy hard-working member of her household. After her death her son Christopher G. made his will leaving everything he possessed, including this homesteaded land, to his faithful sister Minnie Bell, as neither of them had ever married or "left the place they were born". After his death Minnie was all alone, until her late marriage to Edward B. Brumley. She still never left her home and lived her entire life on her father's homestead. It is told that Minnie was a truly "liberated woman" most of her life, highly regarded and respected in the community, a large, raw-boned woman, with firm convictions and fear of none but God.

Lyda (Lydia Elizabeth) Walters married a cousin, John James Bennett. They had two children, William and Ida Bennett, John James Bennett lost an arm during a thrashing accident, and the arm was buried under a tree at Pitts Chapel Cemetery.

William Bennett was born Apr. 15, 1882, and married Cora Stanley. They had 5 children: One, name unknown, who died at birth; Delia (Bennett) Sparks; Lydia (Bennett) Kerns; Henry W. Bennett; Russell F. Bennett. All are deceased except Lydia (named after her grandmother Lydia Elizabeth Walters) and Russell F. Bennett. (See his sketch).

Lydia Bennett married Jesse Floyd Kerns. They have one married son, John Walter Kerns, who has wife Dorothy and several children. Both families live in the Lisle community, near Drexel, Mo.

GEORGE W. WALTMIRE

In 1895, George Wickliffe Waltmire was born in Illinois, coming to Missouri in 1901 with his parents. In 1915, George taught the Judy School with an enrollment of 36 pupils. This school was located near the intersection of 71 and 58 Highways. In 1918, he married Bernice Holstin, a Warrensburg girl he met while in college. After returning from World War I, they moved to their present home and named "Belly Acres Farm". They have two children; Winnifred, Mrs. Richard Short, Ringwood, New Jersey, and Allen, of Canoga Park, California. They have six grandchildren.

In 1968, George received a life certificate membership in Free Masonry for fifty years continuous membership. George and Bernice have traveled in all fifty states except Vermont and Rhode Island, and most of the Canadian Provinces and Mexican States.

The Jerome J. Waltmire Family.

J. J. WALTMIRE

Jerome Waltmire was born at the Walnut Park Farm purchased by his father in 1901 and which is still his residence. The main part of this house was built by Sanderson H. Rogers while he was sheriff of Cass County in 1874 and a part of the house is approximately 40 years older. Jerome has lived in this house his entire life, except for eleven months when he managed the Terrace Lake Farm located at Hickman Mills. He went to Greenlee rural school a half mile west of the farm. This would be located on J Highway, it being a part of the Shackelford farm at that time, now the H. J. McBride farm. Jerome graduated from Raymore high school in 1923.

This same year, Jerome and his parents took an extended trip by car (called "Baby Overland"). It took five days to cross Kansas due to the muddy roads, 25 to 40 miles per hour, and they were away three months.

Jerome began farming in 1924 and this same year was married to Lena Phillips. They were the parents of Marion, who lives at Princeton, Kansas and Dean, who lives at Harrisonville, Missouri. Dean is the owner of the former Apollos Waltmire Farm, south of the H. J. McBride farm, this being land owned by the Shackelford family and the birthplace of Lucy Webb and Emily Bratten. The house is still in use. After the death of Lena Phillips Waltmire in 1937, Jerome was married, in 1938, to Vera Jungmann, of Carbondale, Kansas. Jerome and Vera were the parents of two daughters, Theresa (Mrs. Ron Cotter) and Kathleen, who died in infancy.

The Waltmire home has been the scene of much activity relating to the history of Raymore. Mr. Wert, a teacher at Greenlee school and later in Raymore, his son, Van A. Wert, class of 1899, boarded here. Later in the 1900s, what was known as "The Illinois Picnic" was held here. These are some of the families who attended: Chaffin, Brawner, Champion, Harper, Pearson, Jeter, Webb, Leonard, Dunseth, Small, Allen, Watkins and Waltmire.

An annual event, ever since Jerome and Vera were married

is Thanksgiving dinner. All of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Veras' relatives attend. The largest number attending being fifty-three. Jerome and Vera were members of the Bethany Church, he serving that church as a board member for 50 years and Vera teaching a class for 25 years. In 1970 Bethany Church closed and they transferred their membership to Belton Christian Church. Vera is a member of the church advisory board for Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri.

In 1939 Mr. Clifford Bratten and Jerome became interested in securing electricity for their neighborhood and surrounding community and spent several days in the Coleman community and Raymore Township securing 105 signers at $5.00 per member. Soon after, war was declared and everything pertaining to building electric lines stopped, until in January of 1948, electricity became a reality for these and others.

Jerome served as leader and chairman of the Boy Scout Troop of Raymore and both his sons, Marion and Dean, became Eagle Scouts, Jerome is a member of the Belton and the South Kansas City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Raymore Lions and active in 4H work. His interest in livestock came from his early association with his father, an expert stock-man and show judge. In 1920 Jerome started showing hogs and sheep in shows and fairs in Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and at the American Royal, where he once sold a winning Chester White boar and Hampshire ram to Harry S. Truman and his brother, Vivian Truman. In the year 1929 Jerome purchased some registered Guernsey cows and commenced selling grade A milk to a dairy in Kansas City. In 1948 he held a complete dispersal sale of the dairy herd and equipment. In 1962 he went into business for himself and in 1970, his son-in-law, Ron Cotter, came to Belton to work with him as a partner.

Jerome graduated from the Raymore high school and his sons, Marion and Dean, and daughter, Theresa, graduated from the first class after Raymore and Peculiar schools combined. Both boys served in the Armed Services, Marion for four years in Europe, and Dean, two years in Korea.

JOHN GILBERT WALTMIRE

John Gilbert Waltmire was born to W. W. and Addie D. Waltmire on a farm near Carbondale, Kansas in 1888. Later the family moved back to Delavan, Illinois, then came to Missouri in 1901. He attended Raymore high school and then enrolled in Missouri University at Columbia. At that time Raymore had only a three year high school.

In 1912 he married Pina Sandy Waltmire, courting her with horse and buggy, as was the custom in that day. They started farming and built the house on what is known as the George Waltmire farm. They were the parents of Ralph, who died in infancy; Hazel, Mrs. Junius Kellam, of Ventura, California; Samuel; Ross; Don and Wickliffe, who lost his life in World War II. All four boys were in the Armed Services.

In 1920, the Waltmires left the farm and lived in Colorado a short time, then going to Whittier, California, where they bought a home. Gilbert became an electrical engineer and worked for the Edison Power Company until his retirement in 1954. He was presented a fifty year pin in the membership of Free Masonry. Gilber passed away in 1968 and is survived by his wife, Pina Sandy Waltmire.

MARTIN WALTMIRE

Martin Waltmire was born in 1898 at Delavan, Illinois to W. W. and Addie D. Waltmire. Martin came to Missouri in 1901 with his parents. He attended Greenlee school and Raymore school.

In 1916, he married Opal Quillen and they moved to Bridger, Montana where they purchased a farm. They were the parents of four boys; Robert, who died in infancy; Everett and twins, Jack and Joe.

After twenty years of farming, Martin changed vocations and went into road construction and building, the business in which his sons are now engaged. Martin is now retired and lives in a suburb of Seattle, Washington.

WICKLIFFE W. WALTMIRE

Back in the year 1816 a party of emigrants left Arguar, Switzerland, to come to America. One of the families was the Waltmire family and the baby of the family was Jerome Waltmire. The passage to America was a long, sad journey for cholera raged aboard ship. At last a remnant of the original party landed in America and Jerome Waltmire, 4 years old, was sold into slavery to pay his passage money. After serving the required 21 years, young Waltmire came westward and settled for a time in the state of Ohio where he married Jane F. Bennet. To this union eleven children were born, four girls and seven boys and one of them was Wickliffe W. Waltmire. The family moved from there to Tazwell County, Illinois, near Tremont where W. W. was born. He attended high school at Delevan, Illinois. At the age of seventeen he became a member of the Christian Church.

When Mr. Waltmire had finished school he went to Kansas (1879) and worked as solicitor, laborer and farm hand until he was able, by the help of a friend, to buy 160 acres of prairie land, for $820.00 This farm was located near Carbondale, Kansas, 18 miles south of Topeka. He broke prairie, planned his farm and built most of the improvements himself and then went back to Illinois to marry the girl of his choice, Miss Addie C. Drake. The wedding took place January 13, 1881. For the next twelve years the Waltmires lived on the Kansas farm and of course were active in the church life of their community. He served as superintendent and elder for forty years in Illinois, Kansas and Missouri, and has helped to build three church buildings.

In 1893 the Waltmires left Kansas and moved to Delevan, Illinois, where they lived for ten years, in order to take care of Mr. Waltmires' parents, who were in failing health. There Mr. Waltmire engaged in the lumber and coal business. Mr. Waltmires' father, Jerome Waltmire, passed away in 1896 and his mother in 1901. A year later a number of families from Delavan, Illinois moved to Cass County, Missouri and among

them was the Waltmire family. Mr. Waltmire bought a farm of 160 acres near Raymore, which came to be known as Walnut Park Stock Farm, the widely known home of Chester White hogs, Oxford sheep and Barred Rock chickens. The Waltmires moved from the Walnut Park Farm to Belton in May, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickliffe Waltmire and son, Jerome.

There were five children in their family but they lost their only daughter, Mrs. Maude Ketteman, July 8, 1927. The boys of the family were Gilbert, of Whittier, California; Martin, of Bridger, Montana; and George and Jerome of the home neighborhood. Besides his wife and four sons Mr. Waltmire has one brother and two sisters living. Mr. and Mrs. Waltmire celebrated their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries. Mr. Waltmire passed away at his home in Belton, Missouri in January of 1941 and Mrs. Waltmire, at the age of 91 years, at her home in Belton in 1952.

REV. DON WARD

Pastor of the Raymore Church of God, Don Ward, moved from Cross Timbers, Missouri to Raymore in 1962 with his wife, Joyce, and six month old daughter, Gayle Lynn. They made their home on Franklin Street in the old Crosby house. In 1963 their youngest daughter, Robyn Renae, was born. Later that year a lot at 413 South Franklin was purchased and the families' present residence was completed in late summer of 1964.

In conjunction with his ministry, Rev. Ward was employed by the Cass County Publishing Company in Harrisonville for five years and has since been employed by the department of Health, Education and Welfare. He has also served as secretary of Raymore's first zoning commission and, since its formation, he has been secretary of the Raymore Planning Commission.

Mrs. Ward (Joyce) has worked in the local post office as clerk since the summer of 1968. She is a charter member of the Raymore Garden Club and its first historian. The Wards have enjoyed living and working in Raymore for ten of their eleven married years.

JOHN HAWKINS WASS

Among early settlers in the area now known as Peculiar, Missouri, were the Hawkins and Wass families. Three generations of the Wass family left England for this country in 1851: William Wass; his son, Thomas, born 1808, and Thomas' wife Sarah (Alsop) Wass; and their son, Thomas, Jr., born in 1838. William Wass died during the journey and was buried at sea.

John Hawkins and his wife, Rachel, came to the Peculiar area from New England in 1866. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Wass, Jr. in Detroit, Michigan in 1866. They came to Peculiar in 1868.

Thomas and Elizabeth Wass were parents of three children: John Hawkins Wass, born January 20, 1867 in Montville, Michigan; Sarah Wass, born December 25, 1869 in Peculiar; William Wallace Wass, born September 3, 1874 in Peculiar. Sarah Wass never married. She lived her adult life in Kansas, where she died in 1955. William W. Wass and his wife, Effie, lived in Kansas for a time and then moved to California. They are deceased.

John H. Wass remained in the Peculiar area. John married Cora Tway, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Griffith) Tway, in 1890. They were parents of three sons: Chester A., born 1892; Wallace, born 1894; and Lyle V., born 1902. Cora died in 1919. John H. Wass moved to California in 1940 and made his home with his son, Lyle, until his death in 1956.

Chester Wass lived in Cass County most of his life, where he engaged in farming. In 1912, he married Grace Kelly of Pleasant Hill. They were parents of three children — Cecil, Tommie, and Johnnie, who died in childhood.

Cecil Wass and Mildred Nowell of Holden, Missouri, were married in 1937. They now live in Kansas City, Missouri. They are parents of five children: Gerald, Springfield, Missouri; Leon, Springfield; Russell, California; Betty (Mrs. Isaac Guinn), Kansas City; and Janet (Mrs. Timothy Clay), Kansas City.

Tommie Wass married Kenneth Hand in 1935 and they made their home in Pleasant Hill. They are parents of three daughters — Joyce, Nancy, and Carol. Joyce married James Mayabb in 1957. They live in Pleasant Hill and their children, Michael and Julie, are students there. Nancy married Dorsey Lees in 1962. Two sons were born of this union — Scott and Russell. In 1970 Nancy married Richard Michael and they have a son, Brent. Nancy, Richard the three boys live in Unionville, Missouri. The youngest daughter, Carol Hand, married Gene Taylor in 1964. They live in Pleasant Hill and are parents of three children — Leslie, Jeffrey and Robin.

After Grace Wass' death in 1922, Chester married Rosa Mae Davis of Harrisonville in 1927. They were parents of one daughter, Sybil (Mrs. John Coke, Harrisonville). Chester Wass died in Kansas City, Missouri in 1949.

John and Cora Wass' second son, Wallace and his wife, Ola (Curnett) Wass, live in Kansas City.

Lyle Wass lives in Hawthorne, California. His wife, Nettie (Trimble) Wass is deceased. His children, Vernon Wass and Norma (Mrs. John H. Morris), also live in California.

Belle Plain
School
in 1901

Three miles SW
of Harrisonville.

Original
Coleman
Baptist Church
1884-1951.

Mr. and Mrs.
David M. Schrock
and Family
in 1920.

CHARLES P. WATKINS

Charles P. Watkins, born Sept. 7, 1891 and Rita Allen, born Jan. 26, 1895, natives of Illinois, were married March 12, 1915 in Peoria, Illinois. At that time "Chuck" was employed as a carpenter.

In 1916, they moved to the farm one and one-half miles south of Raymore, where they were engaged in farming, raising horses and cattle with Mrs. Watkins' father, George F. Allen, a realtor, and with her brother, G. H. "Butch" Allen. In 1923 the Watkins purchased three registered Guernsey heifers. These foundation heifers did not give them a fast start in building a dairy herd as the first seven calves produced were males. Due to illness, the herd was dispersed in 1966, selling ninety head at auction. They never purchased another female after the original three. In 1951, they added the 280 acre farm, buying the farm just south of the home known as the Williamson farm.

The Watkins have reared and educated four children, all attending twelve years at Raymore schools, of which Mr. Watkins served eleven years on the school board.

George Watkins, Col. Ret. Air Force, now with Bendix Corp., and his wife, Georgia Poe, live at Lake Winnebago, Greenwood, Missouri. They have two children, Kathy and Chris. Neelie married Frank Lyman, of Kansas City, Missouri. They have two sons, Charles and Bill. Neelie is treasurer of Center School and Frank is retired from Sears Roebuck. Luverne married James Holbrook and lives in Kansas City, Missouri. They have one son, James, Jr. Luverne is a bookkeeper at Jack Jones Lumber Co. and Jim is employed at Bendix Corp. Charles and Mary Jane (Aldridge) Watkins reside on the home farm, farming and raising Polled Hereford cattle with the elder Watkins.

Mrs. and Mrs. Watkins celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1965. Since then, six great-grandchildren have been added to the family.

GLENN EDWARD WEAVER

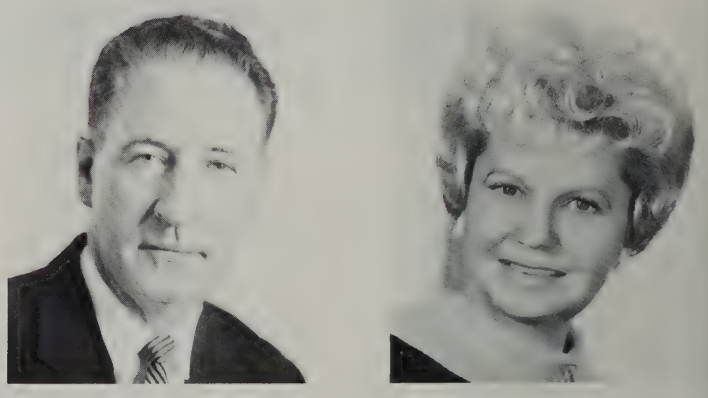
Glenn Edward Weaver, son of Simeon and Nancy Alice (Mullen) Weaver, was born Oct. 24, 1887 on a farm 2 miles south of Ness City, Ness Co., Kans. The family had rented their farm in Cass Co., Mo. for a venture in homesteading Kansas land. After one year they returned to their farm in Austin Twp.

On Nov. 8, 1911 Glenn Edward Weaver married Frances Opal Wilt of Austin, Mo., being married by the Rev. D. W. Britton at his home near Daugherty, Mo. She had moved to Austin from Knox Co., Mo., was formerly of Moultrie Co., Ill. Their first home was on a farm near his parents. In 1920 they moved to the Mound Valley community, north of Archie, Mo., where they lived for 50 years with the exception of 4 years spent in Harrisonville while Mr. Weaver was sheriff of Cass Co. Glenn Weaver was one of 8 candidates in the Democratic primary Aug. 1932. He won the primary then defeated

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Weaver.

the Republican candidate, Lloyd Cook of Dolan Twp., in the Nov. election. Sheriff Weaver sustained deep scalp wounds when prisoners made a daring escape from the jail. Mrs. Glenn Weaver died Sept. 21, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weaver had 3 children: Averne born Jan. 12, 1913 who married Norman Leroy Tatman of Harrisonville, Mo.; James Earl born June June 20, 1915 who married Eldine Atkinson of Harrisonville. James Earl Weaver died Oct. 21, 1964 at his home in Harrisonville. Frank Elwood born Sept. 29, 1918 who married Lydia Alberta Armstrong of Lockwood, Mo. There are 7 grandchildren: Don Allan Tatman; James Earl II, Christopher Edward, Michael Eldon, and Martha Jane Weaver; Janet Sue (Weaver) Neill and Jean Ann (Weaver) Fortner; and 7 greatgrandchildren: Don Allan Tatman II; Mary Elizabeth and Anna Margaret Weaver; John Eric and Kelley Suzanne Neill; Marni Lei and Mindi Lou Fortner.



Mr. and Mrs. James E. Weaver.

JAMES EARL WEAVER

James Earl Weaver, son of Glenn Edward and Opal Frances Weaver was born June 20, 1915 on a farm in Austin township, Cass County, Missouri near the farm homesteaded by his great grandfather Stephen Weaver. He was the second child in the family with an older sister, Averne, and a younger brother, Frank.

James attended the nearby Mound Valley Grade School, Archie High School and Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg. He was an outstanding athlete and while a student at Warrensburg, was a member of the basketball team which won the National Tournament in 1936.

When James Earl's parents moved from the farm to Harrisonville for his father to assume the office of Sheriff of Cass County, he met his future bride, Eldine Barnard Atkinson. She also attended Central Missouri State University and the Kansas City Conservatory of Music (later affiliated with University of Missouri, Kansas City.)

On June 23, 1940 James and Eldine were married in her parents home at 804 East Pearl Street in Harrisonville where she had lived since the age of two. Eldine was born June 9, 1916 in Kansas City, Kansas, the fourth child of Lloyd Eldon and Edna Davis Barnard. Her older sisters were Naomie (who died in infancy), Edna Ellen and Dorothy Ruth. A baby brother Lloyd Barnard, Jr. died at age 5. During World War I influenza epidemic Eldine's mother, Edna Davis Barnard, died in January, 1919, and the children entered the homes of family members. Eldine became the beloved adopted daughter of her great-uncle, John Franklin Atkinson and his wife Martha Jane (Richardson) Atkinson. Eldine's grandmother Dora Elizabeth Atkinson Barnard was the sister of John Franklin Atkinson.

On June 30, 1941 James and Eldine Weaver became the happy parents of a son, James Earl Weaver, II, who was born at Harrisonville Hospital, then on West Wall Street.

James entered the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 1943 and was sent for basic training to San Diego, California. He was then transferred to Camp Pendleton for intelligence school, thence to Camp Tarawa, Hilo Hawaii. He was assigned for combat duty with the 28th Regiment, Fifth Marine Division which will be remembered as the "Flag Raising Regiment" at the Battle of Iwo Jima, February 1945:

During James Weaver's service in the Marine Corps, his wife, Eldine and their small, Jimmie remained in Harrisonville where she continued the management of the A.C. Mercantile for her father, Frank Atkinson. Following the end of the war, James returned to Harrisonville and entered the merchandising field at the A.C. in September 1945.

Three more children were born to the family. Christopher Edward, July 4, 1949, Michael Eldon, July 31, 1950 and Martha Jane, October 22, 1956.

In 1960, James Weaver, with four partners, formed the Shamrock Hills Corporation and designed and developed the golf course which is located three miles south of Lees Summit in Jackson County, Missouri. His wife continued to operate the A.C. Mercantile Co.

As a result of a massive heart attack, James Earl Weaver died on October 21, 1964 at the age of 49.

At this date, April 1976, James Weaver's widow continues to live in the family home in Harrisonville, having previously retired from business in 1969. The eldest son, James Earl II was married April 22, 1961 to Patsy Ann Thomas in the Episcopal Chapel at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. To this couple were born two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Anna Margaret. James Earl was employed for ten years by the Missouri Highway Patrol from which he resigned in 1972 to accept employment with the Federal Aeronautical Administration. He is stationed at Wright Patterson Airbase in Dayton, Ohio.

Christopher Edward Weaver was graduated from the United States Naval Academy, June 1971 at Annapolis, Maryland. He saw service in the Vietnam War aboard the destroyer Marvin Shields and is presently assigned to duty with the Sixth Fleet, United States Navy in the Mediterranean. Christopher was married May 14, 1972 to Christine Diane Gilmore in Canton, Ohio.

Michael Eldon Weaver graduated May 15, 1972 from the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia and was employed by the Jackson Citizen Patriot Newspaper in Jackson Michigan. After two years, Michael resigned to accept a position as account executive with Marsteller, Incorporated in New York City.

Martha Jane Weaver, youngest child of James and Eldine Weaver graduated from Harrisonville High School in May 1975 and presently is a pre-journalism student at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Simeon and Nancy Alice Weaver.

SIMEON WEAVER

One hundred years ago, in 1876, Stephen A. Weaver and his son Simeon (Sim) came with their livestock and a few belongings by boat up the Missouri River from Wayne Co., Ky. They landed at Lexington, Mo. and came by covered wagon, driving the cattle, to a farm north of Austin, Cass Co., Mo., which land was patented from the government at the current price of $1.25 per acre. Stephen's wife, Margaret P. Weaver, was unable to accompany them because of family illness, was shortly after taken ill herself and died in Ky. The father and son lived about 2 years in part of a barn on a nearby farm while building improvements on their farm.

On Jan. 30, 1878 Simeon Weaver married Nancy Alice Mullen, daughter of William E. and Mary Jane Mullen who had come to Austin Twp., Cass Co., from Ill. Sim Weaver died Mar. 10, 1922 from pneumonia after exposure following a fire which destroyed the family home. Alice Weaver died at the home of her daughter Edna in Toledo, Ore., on Jan. 10, 1946, age 87.

Simeom and Alice Weaver had 5 children: (1) Nora Belle born Nov. 1879, died age 5. (2) Edna born Sept. 23, 1884, died Nov. 15, 1975, Toledo, Ore., married Sept. 27, 1905 William P. Gilkeson who died 1948. They had 2 children, Burns K. and

Anita Gilkeson. (3) Glenn Edward born Oct. 24, 1887, married Nov. 8, 1911 Frances Opal Wilt. (4) Florence born Oct. 12, 1891, died Oct. 1967, Longview, Wash., married George Orthel of Austin, Mo. who died Oct. 5, 1974. (5) James Hardin Weaver born Sept. 48, 1896, died Apr. 21, 1964, married Frances Williams of Brookfield, Mo. who died 1958.

ELI H. WEBB

Eli H. Webb (3/17/1849 — 11/19/1925), one of eighteen children, was born in Union County, Ohio. He was a brother of George W. Webb. Eli was a farmer by occupation and on July 2, 1871 was united in marriage with Susan Ruhama Vance (5/25/1851 — 11/10/1934) in McLean County, Illinois. She was born in Pendleton County, West Virginia, being one of the eight children of Wilson and Mary (Harper) Vance.

In 1894 Eli and Ruhama Webb came to Raymore, Missouri with their only child, Franklin Pierce Webb (9/30/1973 — 12/22/1952), who was also a farmer. On December 18, 1895, he married Lucy Almira Shackelford. Lucy was born 7/26/1872 in Raymore Township, being the oldest daughter of John and Miranda Shackelford. She lived on the farm to which she moved in 1919 and in 1973 was the oldest citizen of Raymore. At the age of 55, Lucy took her 3 month old grandson, Allen Webb, to care for upon the death of his mother, Mildred, until the remarriage of his father, Glenn Webb, ten years later. When Lucy was 89, her daughter-in-law, Wilma Steplen Webb, who lived in the home, passed away. Lucy assumed the responsibility of her three grandchildren whose ages were 7, 11 and 13 years, until the remarriage of their father, Lee, three years later. Lucy Shackelford Webb celebrated her 100th birthday on July 26, 1972.

The children of Franklin and Lucy Webb: Edith Myrtle (10/10/1897 — 3/3/1956), who married 4/30/1925 a veterinarian, Carl Frederick Fischer (1/6/1887 — 2/26/1968). They lived at Garden City, Missouri. Lee Allen, a farmer, (12/7/1900) married Wilma Frances Steplen on 11/25/1943. Wilma passed away August 14, 1958 and on May 27, 1961, Lee married Mae (Merritt) Reynolds. Clarence Glenn, a banker, (10/19/1902) was first married to Mildred Garnes, May 23, 1925. She died February 20, 1927. On July 31, 1937, he married Margaret Luetjen, a school teacher, who continued teaching until 1971.

The children of Edith Webb and Fred Fischer: Lucy Katherine (2/12/1926) married Lee Shifflett (1/27/1928), a farmer and packing plant worker. Lucy is an elementary teacher. They live at Amity, Missouri and have one son, Steven, born July 30, 1959. George Franklin (8/18/1927), a Lt. Col. in the army, married Doris Schollmeyer (8/23/1927). They live at Lake Forrest, Illinois and have two children, Carla Sue and Carl Frederick. Elizabeth Ann (5/14/1932) married Lloyd J. Fugate (5/4/1930). They live in Turner, Kansas where Lloyd is head of the high school biology department. They have two sons, Carl Lee and Michael Lynn.

The children of Lee and Wilma Webb: James Allen Webb (8/22/1945) married Vicki Walton (11/18/1950). Jim works on the Owen-Good Ranch. Donald Lee Webb (3/1/1947) married Kimberly Raw (2/24/1952). They live in Belton and have a daughter, Gina Lee. Don works for his father-in-law, who is a contractor. Linda Carol (6/7/1951) married Don Creek (8/22/1950). Don and Linda live near Raymore and they have a daughter, Pamela Renee.

Glenn and Mildred Webb had one son, Allen Everett (11/8/1926) who married Wanda Lawrence (11/7/1931). Their daughter Terri Ann, was born Dec. 11, 1954 and son, Kenneth Gail, March 15, 1957. They live in San Bernardino, California where Allen is an employee of Sears, Roebuck and Company. Glenn and Margaret Webb have one daughter, Mary Lou (2/25/1939) who married Robert S. Bricker (9/7/1934). They have two children, Deborah Kay and Robert Steven. Bob is an auctioneer and farmer at Garden City, Missouri.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WEBB

George Washington Webb was one of the early settlers of Raymore. Born in Delaware County, Ohio June 1, 1844, he enlisted in Company B 46 Reg. Ohio Infantry and served with Sherman. When he returned from the war, he, with his father and step-mother, moved to Illinois. Next, he went to Kansas where he worked on the construction of the Santa Fe Railroad. Later he returned to Missouri and worked on a farm for John W. Griffith. In 1873 he married Sarah Griffith.

A son, Elmer Palmer, was born to them Oct. 14, 1875. On July 30, 1876, a tornado struck the home killing Elmer's mother and injuring his grandmother, Catherine Griffith, who was visiting in the home. For more than two years Elmer was cared for by his aunt, Miranda Shackelford, a sister of his mother. George married another of the Griffith girls, Emma Jane, in 1878 and Elmer returned to his fathers' home. On June 30, 1897, Elmer married Etta Spradling. In later years they moved to Hill City, Kansas. Their son, Charles Elmer, Jr., was born in 1917. After Mrs. Webbs' death in 1955, Elmer went to live with his son in Detroit, Michigan and his death occurred in 1966.

To George and Emma Jane four children were born; Roy Lee, 1889; Mary Etta, 1891; Frank Emerson, 1892 and Kate Marie, 1894. All received their grade school education at Greenlee rural school and graduated from Raymore high school.

After George Webbs' death in 1916, Mrs. Webb and daughters, Kate and Etta, moved to Raymore. In 1917, Kate was married to Poeter Molesworth and they moved to Idaho. To this union were born six children. Frank Emerson Webb took over the family farm and later moved to Shields, Kansas. He was married to Leora West in 1916. Later, returning from the farm in Kansas, he took a job as a salesman until a sudden illness struck resulting in his death in 1929.

Etta Webb remained with her mother in Raymore, taking part in community activities including music in the Presbyterian church, and for a time, was church treasurer. She spent some time as township tax-collector and as assistant to the Raymore postmaster, Mrs. Bierer. Miss Etta's mother suffered a stroke from which she never recovered, requiring Etta's care for seven years. Her mothers' death occurred in 1941. Etta gave piano lessons to many local children. In 1970, she came down with a lingering illness and in October of that year she was taken by her brother, Roy, to his home in Taylorville, Illinois and hospitalized for two months, her death occurring in December, 1970.

Roy Webb chose a teaching career. He taught in his home school (Greenlee), went to school at Warrensburg Normal, taught in Windsor, Missouri and for four years at Harrisonville high school. In 1916, he married Bessie D. Lightcap. They have two daughters, Helen Louise and Frances Eugenia. Roy received his degree from Warrensburg and in 1920, moved to Taylorville, Illinois where he taught in the science department for thirty-two years, retiring in 1952. His third child, Robert Clark, was born in 1921.

The two Webb brothers, George W. and Eli, with their families made their contribution to the development of the Raymore community. As a member of this family stated, "They made no noted financial, political or literary contributions, yet they were industrious and prosperous farmers, devoted to their families and to character building and Christian living."

DANIEL HENRY WEBSTER, M.D.

Daniel Henry Webster was an early day physician of Cass Co., Mo. He was born June 27, 1833, son of Henry Waite Webster of Ohio. Dr. Webster came to Cass Co. soon after his graduation from the Cincinnati, Ohio, School of Medicine. He and his wife, Timmie Scobey Webster, settled in Austin Twp. in southern Cass Co. Her parents were early day residents of Osceola, Mo.

Daniel and Timmie Webster had 6 children: Henry H. Webster born Nov. 20, 1866, died Oct. 3, 1888; Robert T. Webster born Aug. 18, 1875, died Nov. 19, 1876; an infant son who died at birth; Cora B. (Webster) Moore born Jan. 15, 1864, died July 1, 1950; Nellie (Webster) Connely (see Connely); and Frank Webster who later moved to St. Louis.

Old records have shown that Dr. Webster brought many babies into the world, and was a dependable, outstanding man always interested in the betterment of the community. During the Civil War he had charge of a Union smallpox hospital in Springfield, Mo. After the war he returned to his Cass Co. home. When Meridan Sun Lodge No. 405 A.F. and A.M. was organized under dispensation by DDGM Noah M. Given, Mar. 22, 1871, Dr. Webster was made the first Master, an office he filled for several years. He died Nov. 29, 1904.

FORREST E. WEBSTER

Forrest Ellenwood Webster was born Oct. 19, 1868 in Weathersfield, Illinois to Elijah and Eliza Cars (Ellenwood) Webster. His brothers and sisters were: Lewis Edgar (1875-1940); Myra (1878-1929) married C. W. Connor; Amy (1883-1967) married Lester V. Bray; Warren C. (1887-1949) married Ella Mercer.

Their grandfather was Oscar Webster, who was married to Mary Ann Chapman. He was one of ten children born to Elijah Webster, birth and death dates unknown.

Forrest E. was married Nov. 2, 1892 in Fairport, Mo. to Sarah Emma Stevens (1868-1954) daughter of Daniel and Phebe (Powell) Stevens. During their lifetime, they lived in Fairport, Hamilton, Willow Springs, and Pleasant Hill in Missouri; Altamont, Kansas and Briggsdale, Colorado before settling permanently in Harrisonville in 1911. Two sons were born to the couple. Forrest E. died Oct. 31, 1945 and his wife died Feb. 24, 1954. Both are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Oren Stevens Webster was born Sept. 11, 1893 at Fairport. He completed his high school eudcation in Harrisonville and attended Missouri University in Columbia for a year and returned to Harrisonville to begin his life's work as a post office clerk, completing forty-one years in Civil Service during 1953. Oren also served his country during World War I as a sergeant in the Field Artillery. In September, 1917, he married Marie Robbins and was divorced in 1935. In June, 1937, he was married to Irene (Holloway) Thomas and they have made their home in Harrisonville.

Dale Lindley Webster, born July 4, 1899 in Hamilton, Missouri, was married to Margaret Lacy, daughter of Roy and Nellie (Tribby) Lacy. He followed his father's occupation of carpentry and built many houses and other buildings until his retirement in 1962. Two sons and a daughter were born to the couple.

Forrest Ellis married Gracie Sulser and are parents of two daughters, Jamie Sue (married to Ronald Woodall) and Tammie Renee. Ellis is a rural carrier for the Harrisonville post office and also farms and hunts during his spare time.

Dale Lindley, Jr. married Kathie Crawford and lives near Harrisonville on a farm with their two sons, Douglas Lee and Craig Dale. D. L. follows his father's footsteps by being a building contractor.

Margaret Jayne married Max Marsh and lives in Tulsa, Okla. with two daughters, Denise Jayne and Shelly Ann.

JAMES H. WELBORN

James H. Welborn, 1831-1910, came as a young man to Cass Co., Mo. from Monroe Co., Ky. in 1855. During the Civil War he was forced from his home by Order #11 and went to Texas with the Brown family and others of this area, returning to Cass Co. 1865. On July 3, 1856 he married Margaret P. Sabens. He was active in politics and religion. He and his wife were charter members of the Peculiar Baptist Church. They were operators of the Cass County Poor Farm for several years. James H. and Margaret Welborn had 5 children: Molie, Ollie Bell (Dot), Alice, William James (Jake), and Walter Alonzo Welborn.

Molie Welborn married Frank Hockaday. He was a successful farmer in Dolan and West Peculiar Twps., Cass Co., before retiring to live in Peculiar, Mo. directly west of the Methodist Church. They had 6 children: Margaret Hockaday, a teacher in Kansas City, Mo., and Martha Hockaday, a

teacher in St. Joseph, Mo., who were both killed in a car wreck in Western Kans.; Laura Hockaday who married Levi Zeigler and moved from Cass Co. many years ago. She later married Mr. Campbell, now deceased. She lives in Omaha, Neb.; Nell Hockaday who married Arthur Wills, now deceased. They went to Iowa then to Ohio where she still lives; Walter Hockaday who married Leila Powell. They had 4 children, Marietta who is a teacher and Principal of a school in Kansas City, Mo., Lelia Mae now deceased, Edmond who lives in Minn., and Henry Abbott who lives in Colo.; William Hockaday who married Lou Bell Ecton. He was a farmer in Dolan and West Peculiar Twps. They had one son Robert, a farmer in Dolan and West Peculiar Twps. until he retired to found the "Westchester Bowling Lanes" in Harrisonville, where he now lives.

Ollie Bell (Dot) Welborn married John Farrar (Bud) Callaway. He was a long time merchant in Peculiar, Mo., joining her brother Walter A. Welborn to found Callaway & Welborn General Merchandise Store. They had 2 children, Howard Callaway and Winiford Callaway who died in infancy. They took into their home and hearts a small girl, Evelyn Means, now Mrs. Arthur R. Turner of Belton, Mo., and reared her as their own.

Alice Welborn married Henry Hockaday, who died soon after the marriage. She had no children but devoted her life to her parents and aged aunt, Martha Neal, and her nieces and nephews. She lived with her brother Walter Welborn and family, and was an active partner in the Callaway and Welborn Store.

William James (Jake) Welborn married Katherine (Kate) Ewers. He was a farmer in West Peculiar Twp., Cass Co., until appointed superintendent of the Cass Co. Home. After retirement there they lived in Harrisonville, and after the death of his wife he lived until his death with his daughter Virginia Pihl in Peculiar, Mo. They had 4 children: Charles Welborn, a farmer and trader in Cass Co. until he retired, lives in Harrisonville; James Clayton Welborn, a merchant first in Peculiar and now in Drexel, Mo.; Virginia Welborn married the Rev. John Pihl, a Methodist minister, retired. She is a cashier in Belton, Mo., and they live on a farm south of Peculiar, Mo.; Alice Welborn married Ed Collins and is employed by an Insurance Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

Walter Alonzo Welborn married Mary C. (Mollie) Callaway. He formed a partnership with his brother-in-law Bud Callaway to start a General Merchandise Store that endured from 1902 to 1944. They were joined by Alice Hockaday about 1904. Walter was a self-made man as his education was limited, but he was well read, knew history and kept up with the current scene. He was an avid sports fan and interested in politics, and was Democratic Committeeman from West Peculiar Twp. for many years. He and his wife were charter members of the Peculiar Baptist Church, where he was one of the first deacons and continued to be so until he was made a Trustee which he still was at the time of his death. Walter and Mollie Welborn had 7 children of whom 4 lived: James William Welborn of Forsythe, Mo., a retired Civil Service employee; John Frank Welborn who died 1963, was employed by Aluminum Co. of America until his retirement; Elizabeth (Welborn) Shearer who taught school in Cass and Jackson Cos., Mo. and retired from that profession in California, 1970, where she now lives; Hallie (Welborn) Palmer who taught school in Cass and Jackson Cos., Mo. at one time but retired from social work in 1975. She and her husband, Elmer Palmer, live in Peculiar, Mo.

GEORGE WERNEX

Mr. and Mrs. George Wernex moved to Raymore, Missouri from Parker, Kansas in the fall of 1921. The Wernex children were small, not yet of school age. They were Weldon, Russell and June and all graduated from the Raymore school. The Wernex family lived on a farm now owned by Roy Johnston, one-half mile west of the school.

Weldon now lives at Overland Park, Kansas and has four children. June, Mrs. E. L. Regula, lives in Sun City, Arizona and has one daughter, Judy. Russell lives at Harrisonville. He is county treasurer and has three children. There are eight Wernex grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wernex were married in 1912 and celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Belton American Legion Hall in Belton, Missouri November 26, 1962. George Wernex passed away October 18, 1964. Mrs. Wernex then moved to 607 Second Street in Belton and still resides there. Mr. and Mrs. Wernex were owners of a farm four miles south of Belton. Mrs. Wernex, before her marriage, was Eva Marshall and she has lived near Belton and Raymore since 1901. The Wernex family loved Raymore and have many good friends and neighbors of whom they have treasured memories.

CHARLES S. WEST

Charles S. West was born 22 August 1865 in a covered wagon at Harrisonville, Missouri, as his family returned to their home after a sojourn at Hickman Mills under terms of Order No. 11. He was a son of Lysander West, b. 1819 in Mason County, Kentucky (the son of Lysander West, Sr. and Lucy (Kemper), and Ruth (Logan), born 1830, Fleming County, Kentucky, (daughter of Abner and Evaline (Pepper) Logan). Lysander West married Ruth (Logan) in 1850 near Flemingsburg, Kentucky. In 1855 they left their Garrard County, Kentucky home and journeyed to Cass County, Missouri, settling in the Index community. Their other children were: William L. married Sammie (Blackburn); Mary married Arch Jones; America married Virgil Halcomb; Lysander married Kate (Plain); Lutie married (1) Dr. Waldo Van Hoy, (2) Alva Tabor; John K. married Burneita (Chilton).

Charles West was educated in the county schools and at Warrensburg Teachers College, teaching in this county 12 years before going into business for himself at Latour, Missouri. Later he was a merchant at Peculiar and for many years in Belton. He was a well-known livestock breeder, raising purebred Herefords of the Anxiety strain at his Grand River Stock Farm. His politics lifelong were staunchly Democratic and he held several county offices at various times, serving many years as Presiding Judge of the County Court. During his residence in Belton he served long years as an elder in the Belton Christian Church.

In June 1890 Charles West married (1) Harriet, daughter of Moses Underwood and Mary (Payne) Vinson of Index. Moses Underwood was born in Harrison County, Kentucky to Francis and Margaret (Jarvis) Underwood. Mary (Payne)

was the daughter of well-known Cass Countians, E. S. and Harriet (Boatright) Payne. Charles West's children by marriage (1) were: Leora married (1) Frank Webb, (2) Harry Hargrove; Moses married Esther (Houston); Reva married Claude Ehrhart; Edith married (1) Harry Sullivan, (2) Joshua McCoy; and Myra and Kemper, who died at an early age. Charles West married (2) on August 15, 1907, at her parents' home near Peculiar a long-time schoolteacher, Clara (Rust) Birge, born 22 November, 1877, at Cockerell, Missouri, to Franklin P. and Mary (Stringfield) Rust, both natives of McLean County, Illinois, who were married in that county in 1875 and coming to Missouri the following year. Franklin Rust was a son of William M. Rust, born Maury County, Tennessee, and Nancy (McGehee), natives of Granville County, North Carolina; his mother was Catharine (Myers), daughter of John G. and Mary (Lindley) Myers of Christian County, Kentucky. Mary (Stringfield) was a descendant of the prominent Methodist family of Stringfield ministers. Her father, Alfred Stringfield, was born 1809 near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Capt. John Stringfield, soldier of both the American Revolution and War of 1812, and his wife, Sarah (Boylston). In 1820 Alfred's family were the first white settlers in Randolph Township, McLean County, Illinois; and there in 1832 he married Amelia (Hand), born 1814, Hamilton County, Ohio to George and Barbara (Crose) Hand. Charles West's children by marriage (2) were: Mary E. married John B. Moritz; David R. married (1) Alice (Harper); his present wife was Mrs. Evelyn Pierce.

Charles West, prominent in the life and daily affairs of this county many years, an enthusiastic lover of baseball and politics, and a devoted Christian to the end, died at his Peculiar home 11 August 1953, survived by his widow, who is now 98 years of age.

JOHN THOMAS WEST

John Thomas (Bud) West was the son of Beorge Shelton and Bethann West. He came to the Highland community in 1880, and resided there over a half century. He was born in Worth County, Missouri, March 14, 1842. His parents were enroute from Kentucky to Missouri, stopping at Westport Landing, where they became operators of a general store for awhile. Later in 1868 Mr. West's parents settled in Bates County, Missouri. At the age of 20, while a resident of Platte County, Missouri, Mr. West enlisted on Aug. 13, 1862, in Company F Shank's Regiment, 2nd Cavalry for the period of the Civil War. During this war he served under Generals Shelby and Marmaduke. Col. Shank commanded the regiment.

Mr. West was captured August 4, 1864 to 1865 he was imprisoned in Gratiot Street Prison in St. Louis, Missouri, a military prison; New Madrid, Missouri, Prison; and a prison in Alton, Illinois. In Feb. 1865 Mr. West was paroled from the Alton Prison and sent to Lookout Point, Maryland, for prison exchange which was the custom during the war. Due to the nature of his wounds he suffered at the time he was taken prisoner, he was sent to Richmond, Virginia, in March, 1865, and released from service.

Mr. West participated in the Battle of Prairie Grove, Helena, Little Rock and all of the other skirmishes in Arkansas.

Mr. West married Elizabeth Catherine Kimberlin March 21, 1872. In 1875 he purchased a tract of land in the Dayton community in Cass County. Mr. and Mrs. West resided in Bates County, Missouri, until after 1876, and in 1880 they moved to the farm in the Highland community.

Three children born to Mr. and Mrs. West grew to adulthood. Two other children died in infancy. The eldest born was Harriett Bethann (Hattie), born Feb. 23, 1873, died Dec. 18, 1965; John Shelton, born July 9, 1874, died Jan. 14, 1952; Grace Virginia (Dola), born Sept. 8, 1875, died Feb. 12, 1920.

On Dec. 25, 1895, Harriett Bethann West married Philip Sheridan Helms. Mr. Helms died Jan. 8, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Helms resided on their farm southwest of Creighton until his death. Joseph Shelton West married Lois Morgan in 1900. They resided on farms around Dayton and Garden city, finally moving to Garden City where Mr. West was engaged in the banking business for a few years. Their final residence was in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. West's widow resided there until her death. Grace Virginia West married Frederick E. Coe Aug. 24, 1898, and they lived in the Highland community until Mr. Coe established a bank in Creighton, Missouri, in the early nineteen hundreds.

A few years after Elizabeth Catherine's death March 25, 1887, John Thomas West married Mrs. Mary Hupp McMullin. She also preceded Mr. West in death.

Harriett Bethann and Philip Sheridan Helms were the parents of three daughters: Stella Catherine Helms, born Nov. 29, 1896, who married Roy E. Frye in 1917. They were the parents of Elroy Earl Frye, born Feb. 24, 1918; and Philip Robert Frye, born July 22, 1921. Roy E. Frye died July, 1929. Miriam Grace Helms, born June 25, 1898. Edyth Irene Helms, born Dec. 24, 1900, married Martin John Steitz Sept. 12, 1931. They were the parents of twin sons, Steven Martin and John Sheridan, born July 2, 1939. John Shelton and Lois West had two sons who died in infancy. Grace Virginia and Fred Coe had one daughter who died at birth.

Elroy Earl Frye married Betty Jane Reeves Nov. 1941. They were the parents of Elroy Earl Frye, Jr., born Dec. 4, 1944; Robert Reeves Frye, born Feb. 27, 1946; and Deborah Jane Frye, born Oct. 11, 1952.

Philip Robert Frye married Jane Hirsch July, 1941. They were the parents of Philip Frye, Jr. and Virginia Frye.

Steven Martin Steitz married Audronika Quamo Oct. 9, 1965. Twins were born to them, Thomas Martin and Judith Ann. John Sheridan Steitz married Mary Anne Ferry April 27, 1968. They are the parents of David and Catherine Anne.

Elroy Earl Frye, Jr. has one son, Nathan. Robert Reeves Frye is the father of Harlan and Ian Frye.

This completes the line of descendants of John Thomas West, who lived the last nine of his 85 years in Garden City, Missouri. He was a successful farmer, cattleman and a respected citizen of that community.

HOWARD WAYNE WESTERMAN

Howard Wayne and Bessie Ellen (Stalling) Westerman have lived in Belton, Mo. since 1960. Howard has taught chemistry at Belton High School since 1959 and Bessie taught

elementary music from 1960 to 1963 and sixth grade in 1971-72. They live at 509 S. Cedar and have two children, Ellen Yvonne, 13, and Wayne Carl, three.

Howard has his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla and his M.A. degree in chemistry from Purdue University. Bessie was the third generation in her family to receive a Bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State at Warrensburg. She also has a M.A. degree in elementary education from U.M.K.C. Both graduated from Wellington High School, Wellington, Mo.

Howard's parents were Elizabeth (Breuer) Westerman (deceased, 1955) and Walter Westerman (deceased, 1958) of Wellington, Mo.

Bessie's parents are Edna (Webb) Stalling (yet living) and Adolph Stalling (deceased, 1962), also of Wellington, Mo.

Howard is of German heritage and Bessie's ancestors were Scotch, Irish, Welsh, French and German. The family occupations were primarily farming, teaching and private business enterprise. Bessie's great grandmother, Sally Webb, and four children under the age of eight (including grandfather, George Webb, the baby) had to leave the family farm near Lone Jack, Mo. under Order No. 11 of the Civil War. Great grandfather, Andrew Jackson Webb, had already left to join General Price's army, after burying eleven relatives who fought in the Battle of Lone Jack, some for the North, some for the South.

The night before they left, great grandmother used only the light from the coals of the hearth fire to sew a pair of shoes for the oldest boy because she could see farms being plundered and burned all around her. The next morning they fled in a wagon drawn by two oxen for Liberty, Mo., where they stayed with relatives. When the family returned to the farm after the war, nothing was left but the fields.

BARTON STONE WHERRITT

Barton Stone Wherritt was born November 6, 1797 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He married Margaret Peacock February 26, 1829 at Richmond, Kentucky. He died August 9, 1864 at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Mr. Wherritt came to Cass County, Missouri in 1851 from Kentucky and Illinois, and purchased 160 acres of land in Big Creek Township about 2½ miles west of Pleasant Hill. He and his wife had the following children: Thomas J., born 30 March 1830 at Richmond, Ky.; Sidney, born 1 Jan. 1832 in Ky.; Robert Lucas, born 27 Nov. 1833, died in infancy; Mary Jane, born 14 Sept. 1833 at Jacksonville, Ill.; Margaret, born 29 Oct. 1837 in Ill.; William, born 27 March 1840 in Ill.; Henry P., born 3 April 1842 at Springfield, Ill.; Samuel Lucas, born 22 Nov. 1844, died in infancy; Barton, born 15 Feb. 1846 at Springfield, Ill.; Harriett, born 14 Feb. 1848; Elizabeth S., born 23 Feb. 1850; Alice, born 4 March 1853; Alonzo C. and Albert R., twins, born 4 March 1853 at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

All of these children remained in Cass County until they became adults, at which time most of them moved out of the county. Those who remained in Cass County were William Wherritt who was a farmer and lived north of Pleasant Hill until his death on the 21 of March, 1907. He married Elizabeth Adams 23 Oct. 1884 at Pleasant Hill. Henry P. Wherritt became a physician and lived and practiced in Independence, Mo., until his death in 1912. Elizabeth Wherritt married William Walker Mason and they resided in Pleasant Hill until about 1910. Alonzo C. Wherritt moved to Independence, Mo. and later to Liberty, Mo. He married Cora I. Francisco in 1890 and they had one child, Alan F. Wherritt, a lawyer, who married Alberta Oldham, of Independence, Mo. and has one daughter, Ann Oldham Wherritt, who married William J. Turpin. Alan Wherritt practices law and resides in Liberty, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Turpin have two daughters, Pamela Turpin who married Terry Strang June 8, 1968. They have two daughters, Michelle Ann Strang, born February 17, 1971, and Ashley Hart Strang, born May 7, 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Strang live in Liberty, Mo. The younger child of Ann Turpin is Dianne who married Paul D. Ferrell June 3, 1972, and they have one child, Grant Alan Ferrell, born February 1, 1976. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell live in Liberty. Albert Wherritt, twin of Alonzo, as an adult, was engaged in real estate and loan business in Pleasant Hill for 50 years before his death in 1945. He married Jessie Reid, of Shelbina, Mo., in 1892 and had three children, all of whom are living at this time. They are: Mrs. Lillian Karn, who resides at Vista Del Rio Apartments in Kansas City, Mo.; Albert Reid Wherritt, who resides in Shreveport, Louisiana and J. Minter Wherritt, who resides at Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Albert Reid Wherritt married Lucile Sibley and had a daughter, Vassar Wherritt, who married John R. Mills. Children of John R. and Vassar Mills are Winifred, Ann Reid and Robert Michael.

The only direct descendants of Barton Stone Wherritt who presently reside in Cass County are John Thornton Buckner and his sister, Dorothy Buckner Ingels and her family whose mother was Mary Barret Thornton Buckner, who was a daughter of John Fitzhugh Thornton and his wife, Mary Jane Wherritt, who was the fourth child and first daughter of Barton Stone Wherritt and his wife, Margaret Peacock.

WILLIAM WHITBY

In 1868 William Whitby was married to Florantha Clementine Hiland in Ohio and brought his bride to Missouri to live. His was the third name to be entered on government record as the owner of the one hundred twenty acre tract maintained as a family home until 1948. This farm is in the northwest corner of Austin Township and was fronted by the Jefferson Highway over which a stage coach line operated.

Mr. Whitby's work as a miner took him over western United States and to South America. Because he was gone for several months at a time, Will Whitby's father, Robert, came to his son's home. His wife and sisters, Jane and Flora, came with him from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Robert's grandchildren held many warm, pleasant memories of their experiences with him.

The children of Will and F. C. Whitby were: George (7-17-1874); Edith (8-30-1876); Charles (6-27-1878); Harry (10-1-1881); and Mabel (10-31-1883). Mabel attended Warrensburg Normal and taught rural school Number 36. After her marriage to Wesley Garmon she taught rural schools in Idaho. Edith married Robson Bonnichsen. The Bonnichsens and Garmons homsteaded land in Idaho. The Garmons' son, Wallace, died in early manhood of a heart ailment. Everett Bonnichsen, graduate of UCLA is a farmer at Filer, Idaho. Charles

Whitby married Lorena Harger, daughter of Worthy Harger, an early Cass County contractor. Charles had a Ford agency in Buhl, Idaho and was later a realtor in Berkeley, California. Their daughters are Thelma Groteguth and Ozelle Shockley. Their sons are Ralph and George. Mrs. Whitby now lives in California. Harry Whitby worked as a bookkeeper in Omaha, Nebraska. Later he was an irrigation supervisor in Kalmath Falls, Oregon. Charles William Cecil, Angela, Lida Marjorie, and Edith are his children. George lived his seventy-five years in the house to which his parents came to live after their marriage. He taught in rural schools of Cass County and was principal of Austin and Archie schools. He attended Chillicothe Normal School. September 14, 1908 Goerge Whitby married Leah Sliffe. He farmed from then until his death. George and Leah Sliffe Whitby gave of themselves to help those who needed help. Children were most welcome guests in their home at any time. Mary Helene (Mrs. H. Mason) Wortham is the elder daughter of the George Whitbys'. She graduated from Northwest Louisiana University of Natchitoches, Louisiana and has taught Home Economics and supervised the school lunch program of Midway School, and has been Food Service Director of Cass County Memorial Hospital at Harrisonville, Missouri. Her daughter, Leah, an attorney, was granted the Juris Doctor degree by the Harvard University Law School in 1973. The second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitby is Edith. Edith has earned degrees from Central, Missouri State University. As her father and Aunt Mabel before, Edith began teaching in a rural school in Cass County. Since 1947 she has been a secondary school teacher whose assignments have included social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, speech and counseling.

The White home was rebuilt after the Civil War, 5 miles south of Belton.

WILLIAM ALLEN BUFORD WHITE

William Allen Buford White and Sarah Leftwich White came to Cass County from West Virginia in the 1850s. William Allen coming first and buying land, and the family arriving in 1856, traveling by boat on the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers, debarking at Blue Springs Landing. Between 1852 and 1857 William Allen purchased 1500 acres of land from the government in Union Township, south of Belton.

The White's ancestors were early colonists in America, arriving in 1630 and settling in Bedford County, Virginia, before the Revolutionary War. William Allen Buford White was born May 15, 1815, in Bedford County. He moved as a young man to Kanawha County, West Virginia, where he married Sarah Leftwich January 10, 1840. He owned a salt mine near Mason City. They had a family of eight children, six of whom grew to adulthood.

Jacob William White, born December 22, 1841, married Mrs. Selina Garland Bradford in 1873 in Cass County. They had two sons and three daughters. Jacob died February 1931, and is buried at the Belton Cemetery, as are all his brothers. Matilda Jane White, born August 16, 1845, married Tinsley W. Jeter (see forward). John Alexander White, born May 5, 1848, first married Lydia Dodson June 27, 1873, and had one daughter; second married Mary Burns and had one son and two daughters. John died March 20, 1904. James Hillary White, born July 18, 1850, married Missouri Reed Hudson November 6, 1879. They had six children. He was manager of the Hope Lumber Yard and a member of the Belton School board. James died February 17, 1948. Milton Starr White, born November 12, 1852, never married and was a farmer in the Belton area. He died February 11, 1949. Anna Celine White, born July 16, 1856, married October 30, 1879, James Lee Dyer in Rolla, Missouri, where she lived until she died at the age of 81 rearing a family of four sons and three daughters.

During the Civil War William Allen White served under General Price until the close of the war with the rank of colonel. His sons, Jacob and John, served in the same unit. Sarah and children were ordered out of their home five miles south of Belton under General Ewing's Order No. 11 in 1863 and the home burned. They made their way to Clinton County, Missouri. In March 1864 they returned to West Virginia, going by train from Cameron to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then by boat to Mason City, West Virginia. Sarah died June 27, 1867. In 1870s the remaining family returned to Cass County rebuilding their home, which is still standing.

Matilda Jane White married Tinsley White Jeter in Cass County May 28, 1873, whom she had met while the family was displaced during the Civil War. Col. White turned the farm over to them and went to Rolla where he was in business until 1883.

Tinsley W. Jeter was a Captain in the Old Dominion Rifles which later became Co. C. 28th Virginia Infantry of the Confederate Army, being with Lee throughout the war at the time of surrender at Appomattox. Tinsley's ancestors were, as were his father's-in-law, Col. White, early settlers in colonial America, settling in Bedford County, Virginia, before the Revolutionary War. Tinsley was born May 4, 1839. He died August 15, 1877 from the effects of inhaling foul gas while being lowered into his well. Tinsley was buried in the Belton Cemetery.

After Tinsley's death Matilda's brother, Milton (Mitt) White, lived with her and helped rear the family. Col. White, also, returned from Rolla and made his home with them. He suffered a paralytic stroke in 1895, but lived until September 28, 1904, and is buried in the Belton Cemetery. Matilda died March, 15, 1919, the day after daughter Sarah's death. Both died of influenza and are buried in the Belton Cemetery.

Tinsley and Matilda Jeter had three daughters: Sarah Ann Jeter, born April 17, 1874, died March 14, 1919; Edna Earl

Jeter; born November 7, 1875, married Greenup Berry Dodson, January 14, 1897 in Belton, Missouri, died February 8, 1975. (see Dodson history); Tinsley White Jeter born Sept 21, 1877, married Herman R. Hipsher December 17, 1901, in Belton, Missouri, living most of her married life near Lane, Kansas. They had two sons. She died May 20, 1968.

W. F. WHITSITT

W. F. Whitsitt and his wife, Ardena Black Whitsitt, came to Missouri from their native Kentucky in 1858, locating on a farm near Peculiar.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitsitt had seven children: Charlie of Loveland, Colorado; Will of Blue Springs, Missouri; Andrew A. of Harrisonville; Mae, Mrs. Finis Farr, Jefferson City; Ardena, Mrs. Frank B. Lewis, of Tulsa.

Mrs. and Mrs. Whitsitt, along with Mr. and Mrs. Hogan M. Davis and others, were instrumental in organizing the Presbyterian Church in Peculiar.

During the Civil War, Mr. Whitsitt's farm home was burned to the ground and the cattle driven off. He and his family came to Harrisonville, moving into a schoolhouse on West Wall Street. After the war, Mr. Whitsitt moved his family to Pleasant Hill where he opened a furniture and undertaking business.

Andrew A. Whitsitt, a son, was born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, on February 1, 1850.

W. F. Whitsitt was a Democrat and took an active interest in state and local politics. He was appointed Postmaster of Pleasant Hill during President Cleveland's two administrations. Both Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Whitsitt are buried in Pleasant Hill.

Andrew A. Whitsitt was eight years of age at the time his family moved from Kentucky to Missouri. He attended the schools provided by the early settlers, first in the homes of local families, and later in a school building provided for that purpose. It was here that Dr. Charles Gloyd taught following the Civil War, while he sought to establish a medical practice in Missouri. Dr. Gloyd lived with the Moore family during the months he taught there, and later married their daughter, Carrie Amelia Moore. It was Dr. Gloyd's hopeless battle with liquor and his subsequent death that drove his wife to spend her life in a crusade against the ravages of alcoholism. Her efforts brought her national attention. The "George Moore School" was later known as Thorn-Grove School.

Young Whitsitt attended a preparatory school at Russellville, Indiana, and a college at College Mound, Missouri, after which he entered DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. He received his diploma to practice law under the late Noah M. Given and began his legal practice in Pleasant Hill where he was a partner of Judge William L. Jarrott. He was at one time Mayor of Pleasant Hill.

Andrew Whitsitt served two terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County. In 1911, he was elected Judge of the 17th District comprising Cass and Johnson Counties, and served for six years. During that period he won a reputation as a Judge who not only knew the law, but was just and fearless in its administration. At the close of the Judge's term, he resumed his legal practice in Harrisonville.

Andrew Whitsitt was married to Miss Mary Tatum of Glasgow, Missouri, on February 1, 1888. They had two children: Andrew B. Whitsitt of Rosendale, Missouri, and Odelle W. Sweitzer of Harrisonville. Mr. Whitsitt was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill, then later the Presbyterian Church at Harrisonville. Later he transferred to the Methodist Church in Harrisonville. Judge Whitsitt died March 29, 1929.

GEORGE A. WILDEBOOR

Marinus Wildeboor married Frances Elizabeth Taylor, came from Illinois to homestead near Garden City, Mo. about 1868. Mr. Wildeboor taught school for a few years as they proved up on the homestead and continued as a farmer. (See History of Cass and Bates County). Their children were George W., Mary Frances, Ellen, John and Willis P. (Pleas.)

Two brothers of Marinus Wildeboor also lived in Cass county for some years and died there. They were Jacob, single and George, single. George Wildeboor was a contractor and built the Harrisonville Hotel, the county home, and many other structures in the area.

Ellen Wildeboor married Harve H. Hurst and their children were Charles, died 1906; Mary died 1909; Eva and John W., both now living.

Mary Frances married George B. Anderson, no children.

John married Julia, no children.

George W. married twice, had 5 children: Willie, Floyd, Carl, Helen and Alice.

Willis Pleasant married Mary E. Neunschwander in 1911 and they had three children, George A. (married Dorothy Kircher 1938), Frank married Pauline Black 1937 and Mary Lou married Dr. C. M. Lederer 1943.

ALVIN WILLIAMS WILHITE, SR.

A. W. Wilhite was born in Platte County, Mo. Sept. 1, 1845. He was married to Joanna Brown September 25, 1857. Their four children were Flora, born August 24, 1868, Preston Gaines, born Mar. 13, 1870, Thomas Gosney, born May 13, 1874, and Alvin Williams Jr., born Feb. 21, 1876. As it tells in the previous Cass Co. history, Mr. Wilhite was a Miller by trade. He had built a fine Flouring Mill at Gunn City, Mo. in 1881. It was while the family lived there that Joanna Brown died April 28, 1882.

On December 2, 1885 Mary Pricilla Sorency and Alvin W. Wilhite, Sr. were married and moved to Triplett, Mo. where he erected another mill. While the family lived there James, born Nov. 22, 1886, and Artimecia were born. James died July 29, 1888 and Artimecia was born Aug. 24 of that year. The family then moved to Belton, Mo. where Mr. Wilhite built a mill on the north side of Mill St., near Baldwin Street. This is why Mill St. has its name. The family moved to Garden City,

Mo. about 1882 where Mr. Wilhite built a hardware store on Main St. His son, Elea Sorency Wilhite was born June 27, 1894. An addition was built on to the store and besides the buggies, washing machines, cook stoves, heating stoves, and the usual hardware items he added dry goods, groceries, and even pianos and phonographs. His two sons, Tom and A. W. Jr. were both grown by then so he turned the business over to them, calling Wilhite Bros. Department Store. The brothers kept it a show place until it burned in 1927. After the store burned they moved across the street and opened for business, selling mostly groceries and hardware. They rebuilt on the site of the original store and instead of returning to the new building decided it would be better for Garden City to encourage a Garment manufacturer to occupy it. A. W. Jr. was elected Mayor of Garden City, and also served two terms as Missouri State Legislator. He was interested in the Garden City Bank and was President of the Board at his death. Tom died May 11, 1939. Alvin married Miss Mabel Brandt in 1951. When Alvin died in 1964, his wife Mabel was elected to his chair at the bank. She is still President of the board, and lives in the house Alvin built for her in Garden City, Mo.

ELEA SORENCY WILHITE

Elea Sorency Wilhite, the son of Mary Pricilla Sorency Wilhite and Alvin Williams Wilhite, Sr., was born at Garden City, Mo. June 27, 1894. When Elea was six years of age his parents moved to Tulsa, Indian Territory. Mr. Wilhite was in the Hardware business while in Tulsa. Because of poor health Mr. Wilhite moved the family to Mount Washington, Mo. He died there October 31, 1903. Elea's brother James had died at 2 years of age in 1888. His sister, Artimecia was born August 24, 1888. She married Rev. Ullysses Vinson Wyatt, Nov. 3, 1910. Their son, Wilber Wilhite Wyatt, was born June 14, 1912. He married Catherine Courtney Feb. 14, 1941. At the beginning of World War II Wilber enlisted in the Marines. Following the war he settled in San Diego, California. They are the parents of three daughters, Susan Wyatt Buckner, wife of Spencer Buckner, Courtney, and Mary Pat. Wilber, who has been President of the California Credit Union, died in 1975. He is buried at Claremont, California.

Following the death of his Mother, Mary Pricilla Wilhite, in 1910 Elea lived with his sister Artimecia and her family. He attended Central College for two years, then transferred to Missouri University. He enlisted in the Army in 1917 and served with the Photographic Section of the Army Air Corps in France until the end of World War I. At the close of the war he returned to M.U. and was graduated in 1919. He went to work for his brothers in Garden City, Mo. He married Lydia Anderson on October 9, 1922. Mrs. Wilhite was born July 12, 1900. Her parents were John E. and Rebecca Yoder Ramey. At the death of her Mother in 1905 she was adopted by George B. and Mary Frances Anderson. After the birth of their daughter Rebecca Mary on December 30, 1923 Elea decided to go into business for himself. He built an Ice Manufacturing Plant at Belton, Mo. and moved his family there in March of 1924. On January 24, 1928 twins were born, a daughter, Letha Ann who died at birth, and a son, Lee Anderson Wilhite. Elea Alan Wilhite was born August 22, 1929.

During World War II because of restrictions placed by the Government on hiring of help for seasonal businesses such as Ice Plants, Elea decided to install a Frozen Food Locker Plant and ship the ice his customers needed from the Harrisonville, Mo. Ice Plant, in which he was financially interested. He sold the business and retired when he was 82 years of age. He and his wife have celebrated their 53 wedding anniversary and live in Belton, Mo.

Rebecca Mary Wilhite, who is a graduate of both Stephens College and Missouri University, married Thomas Evans Krieg Sept. 5, 1945. Mr. Krieg, an Army veteran of World War II, has a degree in Engineering from Oklahoma U. and his Masters from Denver U. They are the parents of George Thomas Krieg, born June 21, 1950, who has just finished a four year enlistment in the Navy, Paul Wallace Krieg, born August 1, 1952, and Frances Rebecca, born July 4, 1954. Lee A. Wilhite is a graduate of Missouri Valley College. He married Deborah Schuyler Rose July 12, 1952. She also attended Missouri Valley. They have a son, Keith Lee, born Feb. 10, 1956, and a daughter, Lynn Dianne, born July 24, 1958. Lee is Civil Defense Director for the City of Gladstone, Mo. where they live. Elea Alan Wilhite, a graduate of Missouri Valley College, served four years in the Air Force. He was stationed at Sculthorpe R.A.F. Base in England for his overseas duty. It was there he met and married Carolyn Edith Long on Dec. 26, 1953. Carolyn, is a native of Millford, Conn. is a graduate of Connecticut State College, and Juilliard School of Music in New York. Cheryl, their first child was born in England September 25, 1954. Susan was born July 6, 1956. David, born August 27, 1957, has enlisted in the Navy for four years. Joel was born June 8, 1959. Beth was born July 24, 1960. Alan and his family lived in Hiawatha, Ks. while he was District Manager for United Telephone Co. He is now Regional Sales Manager for Digital Telephone Systems, Inc. He lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

EDWIN C. WILLIAMS

Edwin C. Williams and Ethel V. Gerken were married June 28, 1941 at Jefferson City, Missouri. They lived in Sedalia, Missouri where Ed was employed in the car shops of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February, 1942 leaving Sedalia in March, 1942 for the state of California. They lived in San Francisco, California from May, 1942 until July, 1946. In August of 1943, Wayne Lee was born. Upon completion of Navy duty, they returned to the Kansas City area in July, 1946. In December of that year they bought their present home at 305 Adams in Raymore from Eph and Ethel Barr and moved there the same month. Anita Kay was born August 22, 1957. Wayne graduated from Raymore-Peculiar school in 1961.

Ed has been a member of the Lions Club since its charter and has served as president. He served two terms on the City Council during the 50s and was elected to the school board in April, 1956, served as its president and as treasurer of the Raymore-Peculiar school board. Ethel is a member of the park board and served as treasurer of both the Lioness and Garden Club.

WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS

In the last decade of the nineteenth century, William and Virginia Williams came to Cass County from Decatur, Illinois bringing their five daughters. William Henry (born 6 June 1861; died Jan. 21, 1905), son of William W. (born June 15, 1816; died July 7, 1903) and Mary (born March 24, 1832; died Feb. 5, 1898) Williams, was born in Indiana. On June 5, 1884 he married Virginia Campbell Davis (born July 5, 1865; died May 8, 1940), daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Davis, born in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where her father died in the Army of the Confederacy a few months before her birth. After the fashion of the day, she was named for Virginia and the leader of the regiment of her fallen father, who was a cousin of Jefferson Davis. In Decatur they were blessed with Edna Alice (born Aug. 13, 1885; died Nov. 21, 1966), Mary Elizabeth (born March 28, 1887; died Dec. 29, 1939), Florence Belle (born Aug. 14, 1889; died June 14, 1958), Celia Pearl (born July 23, 1891; died Aug. 3, 1974) and Bessie Marie (born May 14, 1894; died Dec. 9, 1972).

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Williams at their wedding June 5, 1884.

Their first home was in the rural area near Lone Tree where Will farmed and suffered from persistent malaria. Their daughter, Virginia Ruth, was born there October 28, 1896. They next lived in the Cummins house which stood near the Harrisonville Methodist Church where Cora Dorothy Irene was born July 15, 1899. Ruby Esther was born in the home owned by the family at 801 E. Wall, Harrisonville, on June 10, 1904.

W. H. Williams was night watchman and while on duty was felled by a fatal bullet. Jenny Williams, known as "Mims," showed unusual courage and resourcefulness in rearing her daughters alone and became to them and her grandchildren an example of fortitude, pride, wisdom and faith.

On August 28, 1907, Edna married B. A. McBride (born Dec. 22, 1875; died May 2, 1946) a merchant of Daugherty where they built their home and reared their children, William Robert and Ralph Willard (born Nov. 7, 1909), Wilma Elberta (born Sept. 29, 1911; died May 4, 1964), George Don (born Oct. 18, 1914) and Laurence Dale (born Jan. 30, 1926).

Mary Elizabeth married O. F. Martin of Lane, Kansas October 3, 1914 and one son, Harold Francis (born April 30, 1916; died June 30, 1966) blessed their union.

On November 9, 1960, Florence married Cluade Wesley Ament and had William Emmett (born May 13, 1908) and Frank Wesley (born March 13, 1910; died June 29, 1971). She was widowed in 1911 and brought her sons to her mother's home.

James Henry Gameson (born Nov 19, 1890; died April 21, 1933), from Texas became Pearl's husband on January 6, 1914. They had one son, J. H. Gameson, Jr. (born Jan. 19, 1915; died Feb. 1, 1972). She and her sister, Florence, returned to spend their last years in their family home.

Bessie married Oscar Franklin Stott (born Sept. 12, 1887; died Sept. 30, 1958), of Butler on April 19, 1918 as he was leaving for overseas service in World War I. On June 24, 1918, Virginia Ruth married Benjamin Harrison Franklin, of Moberly. The Stotts had one daughter, Mr. F. W. (Virginia Sue) Johnston (born April 1, 1926). The Franklins had two daughters, Mary Virginia, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Lester (Betty Jean) Munkers (born Jan. 4, 1922). Ruth now makes her home at Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Irene taught school in Rockville and met Everett Linden Midkiff (born June 5, 1900; died May 9, 1975) who became her husband June 2, 1923. They reared their son E. L. Midkiff, Jr. (born March 8, 1924) in Rockville and made their home in that community until Mr. Midkiff's death when she returned to Harrisonville.

On February 24, 1924, Ruby married Guy Leonard George (born March 4, 1893; died Jan. 13, 1935), Harrisonville agent for Standard Oil. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Robert J. (Gwylyn Virginia) Clawson (born October 5, 1928) and Jack Riley (born Jan. 4, 1932). Guy was assassinated in Harrisonville. Ruby married Harold M. Hall (born Nov. 23, 1899; died Sept. 25, 1959), a Strasburg merchant on March 11, 1948 and lives in the farm home they established.

GROVER C. WILLS, SR.

Grover Cleveland Wills, son of William J. and Mary Josephine (Vineyard) Wills, was born October 6, 1892, on a farm near Peculiar. He was the eldest of seven children of the William Wills family. He was also the oldest member of the third generation of one of the prominent pioneer families of Peculiar. His grandfather, Alpheus Wills, purchased his homestead from the government before the Civil War.

On August 18, 1915, he was married to Edna G. Phillips of Peculiar. Edna was also born on a farm near Peculiar and was the daughter of Andrew Monroe and Anne Bell (Bush) Phillips.

To Grover and Edna Wills were born three children: Mary Kathryn, born April 6, 1921, died during early childhood; Shirley Ann, born October 31, 1929, and Grover Cleveland, Jr., "G.C.", born October 6, 1933.

Grover and Edna were both graduated from Peculiar High School in 1908. Grover later attended Central Business College in Kansas City and Edna taught in rural schools near Peculiar for five years.

Grover engaged in several businesses besides farming. In December, 1916, they moved to the 400 acre Squire Bell farm south of Peculiar, owned by his father. With his brother,

Lloyd, they operated the farm until 1918 when Lloyd entered military service in World War I. In the spring of 1919, Grover purchased the hardware store from his uncle, Taylor Wills, and operated it until 1921 when he sold to William and Marie Groh. He later purchased the Hartzler Mercantile Store and two years later, Rolla Dunham became his partner. This partnership continued until 1935, after which he remained in the grocery business until 1946. At that time, he sold to Jim Welborn and purchased the Blankenship farm one half mile north of Peculiar, where they lived until his death on July 3, 1963. Edna remained in the farm home until August, 1964, when she moved to Peculiar.

G. C. WILLS, JR.

Grover Cleveland Wills, Jr., was born in Cass County, Missouri, on October 6, 1933. He is the son of Grover Cleveland and Edna G. Wills.

"G.C." as he is known, attended school in Peculiar, and following graduation in 1951, served in the U.S. Navy until 1954. On February 12, 1952, he married Harriette Jean Grider, daughter of Lloyd B. and Frances Grider.

After completing his military service, "G.C." was employed by Household Finance Corporation and became branch manager of that company's branch in San Antonio, Texas. In 1961 he and his family returned to Peculiar and entered into a partnership with G. R. Divelbiss, Jr., a brother-in-law. They built and operated a service station on 71 Highway in Peculiar as D&W Oil Company. It was sold to James D. Mucke in the fall of 1964.

Following the death of Grover C. Wills, Sr. in 1963, the family set about to fulfill the dream of his father to develop a section of the family farm into a residential subdivision, now known as "Grover's Acres".

At present, "G.C." is working in the local post office and finding great pleasure in maintaining a small section of the family farm where he is breeding and showing Angus cattle. Harriette has been employed with Avon Products in Kansas City for six years. They have two children, Gregory Charles, born February 6, 1956, in Cass County, Missouri and Kayla Jean, born July 14, 1958, in Bexar County, Texas. All family members belong to the Peculiar Methodist Church.

It was upon the initiative of "G.C." that the Peculiar Lions Club undertook to commemorate the founding of Peculiar in 1868. Because of his interest, he was appointed chairman of the committee that planned the Centennial celebration for the community.

JOHN WILSON

John Wilson, son of Robert and Fribitha Wilson, was born Dec. 22, 1781, married Sept. 17, 1812 Mariah Slaughter, daughter of James and Elizabeth Slaughter, born Apr. 7, 1786. They had 10 children: James born July 28, 1813; Annie born Feb. 7, 1816; John born Nov. 17, 1818; Elizabeth and Robert, twins, born May 7, 1820; Rebecca born Apr. 18, 1823; William born Feb. 14, 1825; Garaham born Dec. 17, 1828; Mariah born Nov. 1, 1830; Solomon born Feb. 12, 1832.

Robert Wilson married Mary C. Heifner born Apr. 3, 1832, Va., died Feb. 10, 1912. He died Feb. 18, 1892. Both are buried Urich, Mo., Cemetery. They had 6 children: Eliza born Oct. 7, 1853; Phoebe Jane born Feb. 25, 1855; Maria E. born Feb. 26, 1857; John born Jan. 16, 1859; Mary F. born Oct. 6, 1860, died Mar. 1862; William E. born July 29, 1863.

Eliza Wilson died Mar. 20, 1934, buried at Butler, Mo., married Pete Tharp who died Aug. 29, 1922, had children Martha Goodrum, died June 1958, buried at Garden City, Mo.; Jessie White; Gilbert Tharp; Milburn Tharp; Walter Tharp; Henry Tharp; Nellie Woodfin; and Pearl Fowler. Phoebe Jane Wilson died Dec. 22, 1935, buried at Wadesburg, Mo., married Dec. 24, 1873, as his second wife, George W. Wade. Maria E. Wilson died July 25, 1939, buried at Urich, Mo., married Mar. 6, 1883 J. P. Goodrum who was born in Saxlingham, Norfolk Co., England, died Mar. 25, 1939, had no children. John Wilson died Apr. 15, 1943, buried at Urich, Mo., married first Viola Ramsey, married second Emma Bristow who died Aug. 1936, buried at Urich. William E. Wilson died 1945, Wichita, Kans., was a United Brethren preacher for 52 years, married Mary Coleman, had children Thad Wilson, Mrs. Erma Shelly, Mrs. Esther Beard.

ROBERT COWAN WILSON

Robert Cowan Wilson was born in 1856 in Moorfield, Hardy County, Virginia, the son of a Presbyterian Minister. He died in 1942 and is buried in Belton.

Mr. Wilson, when he attained manhood, followed his older brother, Samuel Graham to St. Louis where he was engaged in the wholesale dry goods business. The Wilson brothers continued in the dry goods business for many years.

Fannie (Scott) and Robert Cowan Wilson.

On September 1, 1886 Mr. Wilson married Fannie Lee Scott, daughter of George W. Scott, founder of Belton. After living in St. Louis for a time they returned to Belton. The Wilson's had four children, Scott, born January 23, 1889; Grace March, born March 5, 1892; Susan, born March 11, 1894; Lucy, born September 30, 1897. When the Wilson's returned

to Belton they built a home on Scott Avenue where they lived for more than fifty years and where all their children were born. Mr. Wilson was a banker, wholesale dry goods merchant and a cattleman.

Scott Wilson was a veteran of World War I. He married Sue Clarke Williams, June 2, 1923. Theh had two children, Williams Wilson, and Sue Scott Wilson Eversull. He died in 1970 and is buried in Belton.

Grace March Wilson married John Van Brunt, Jr., June 2, 1920. They had one daughter, Margaret Macon (Van Brunt) Rymar. Grace founded and was president of the Grace Company until her death in 1974. She is buried in Belton. Margaret Rymar, her daughter, now owns and operates the Grace Co.

Susan married Dr. Lynne B. Greene December 3, 1919. They had one daughter, Suzanne Green Seyfried.

Lucy married Richard L. Dunlap April 12, 1923. They had one daughter, Frances Scott Dunlap. The three Dunlap's are quite active in both Kansas City and Belton. They own and operate the Little Shirt Company, a garment manufacturer in Belton and Freeman.

FRED WINTER

The main value of a family history will probably be to future generations trying to trace family backgrounds. For this reason, the Winter family history will be partly made up of where the family burial grounds are located. Fredrick William and Christina Mae (Compton) Winter moved to the Garden City area in 1947, having previously purchased the former Everett Leadbetter property. They moved to their farm permanently in 1948. This one-half section of land was identified as Maple Lawn Farm in the 1895 plat book of Cass County.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Winter were born in Bates County, the descendents of early settlers of western Missouri. Mrs. Winter's maternal grandparents' name was Pierce. They were of English descent. The Pierce family is buried in Appleton City in St. Clair County. Her paternal grandparents' name was Compton. They were also of English descent. Her paternal grandparents and parents are buried in Myers Cemetery in Bates County. Mr. Winter's maternal grandparents' name was Wolfe. They are buried in Round Prairie Cemetery in Bates County. Mrs. Wolfe was a Kennedy. Her parents are buried in Rich Hill in Bates County. Mr. Winter's paternal grandfather, Friedrich Wilhelm Winter, immigrated from Prussia when he was eighteen years old. He and his wife, Maria Louisa Gerling, are buried in Rogers Cemetery in Bates County. His wife was also of German descent.

Fred and Mae were married June 16, 1934. They have three sons. William (Bill) Curtis was born in Springfield, Missouri, January 1, 1937; Edward Jay, born in Trenton, Missouri, January 21, 1944 and Gerald (Jerry) Lee, born in Trenton, Missouri, November 8, 1945. All three boys were given the opportunity to obtain a college education. Bill and Jerry graduated from the University of Arkansas. Bill also received a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Arkansas.

Edward married LaFrances Cassody, of Cass County, in 1965. They have four children, John Edward, Sally Rene, Cammie Lynn and Bryan Edward. All were born in Harrisonville, Missouri. Their home is built on the east end of the family farm near Garden City. Edward attended CMSU and works for Gulf Agricultural Research in Merriam, Kansas.

Jerry married Judy Gilkeson, of Cass County. They have two children, Jody Lynn and Jason Burns. Both children were born in Kansas City, Missouri. They farm near Garden City.

Bill was married in Kansas City to Kay Adams, of Salina, Kansas, June 20, 1970. Kay taught school in Prairie Village, Kansas, prior to their marriage. They have one child, Nancy Elizabeth, born June 3, 1971, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They live in Colorado Springs where Bill is employed as Chief Industrial Engineer for the North American Air Defense Command.

Fred Winter retired from teaching in 1974, having taught chemistry and physics for over ten years in the Harrisonville School System. Fred and Mae live on their farm near Garden City.

EUGENE J. WIRTHMAN

Eugene J. Wirthman is the owner of, and resides on, his farm known as Skyline Stock Farm. It is said that this farm is on the highest elevation in Cass County. It was formerly the Arch Miller farm and was purchased by Mr. Wirthman in 1939. An interesting fact about the building of the Wirthman home was that plans were in order to build a home on Ward Parkway, location purchased and plans drawn, but a decision was made to change and build a "Town House" in the country. When all was ready to begin, this nation was plunged into war, but building materials were assembled as could be purchased and stored in a warehouse in Kansas City and eventually building began. One other difficulty was encountered; no available line to electricity could be reached, so a commercial Delco system was installed.

This lovely home, with improvements which followed; a tenant house, milk barn, sheep and horse barns, give evidence of truly progressive ownership in an advancing area.

ETHEL MASSIE WITHERS

Ethel Massie Withers was a daughter of B. H. and Margaret Ryman Massie. She lived in Raymore until going to Independence, Missouri to attend Woodland College. While there she lived in the home of an uncle, Jeremiah Massie. In 1903, she taught school in Liberty, Missouri. There she met Robert Steele Withers, the son of an old and prominent Clay County family. Ethel Massie and Robert Withers were married in Raymore, December 22, 1906. Mr. Withers was a guest in the Dr. W. F. Chaffin home when he came to Raymore for the wedding. The Robert Withers family lived on the lovely old family farm on Withers Road near Liberty.

All of her adult life, Mrs. Withers was interested in journalism and was an active member of the Pen Women of America. She was state historian for the D.A.R. at one time. Mrs. Withers and her husband contributed greatly to the Missouri His-

torical Society. One of her greatest interests was the organization known as the Country Women of the World. She attended their convention in England in 1939, coming away filled with enthusiasm for their efforts for understanding and unity. The Withers entertained overseas guests from this group and were always gracious in sharing them with their neighbors.

Mrs. Withers died September 13, 1958. She was a forthright, outspoken lady, yet sincere, leaving her associates in awesome breathlessness but always with deep affection. Mr. Withers died in January, 1959. Their daughter, Maraget Teague, lives in El Paso, Texas. Their son, Conn, and wife, Jeanne, are still on the Withers farm. He is a prominent Liberty attorney, carrying on the family tradition of caring and sharing in Clay County activities.

WILLIAM FRANCIS WOLFE

William Francis Wolfe was born in Le Grande, Marshall County, Iowa, December 18, 1868. He was the eldest of three children born to Rachael Belle Parker and William Francis Wolfe, Sr. Having attended the University of Nebraska, he received his A.B. degree in 1893 and his LL.B. degree in 1894. He was licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska that same year. He then established his law practice in Adrian, Missouri where his parents had moved. Mr. Wolfe, Sr. served for many years as a judge for the Bates County Court.

On July 27, 1903, he married Margaret Jane Kohler Twitchell, daughter of John and Margaret Watkins Kohler, and young widow of Jedd Twitchell, owner and publisher of the Archie newspaper. The Wolfe marriage was a double wedding; the other couple being Mrs. Lou Talbot and J. R. Earll, of Glen Elder, Kansas. Mrs. Earll was the sister of Will, John and Emma Funk, of Peculiar.

The Wolfes set up housekeeping in Adrian but soon moved to New Mexico for Mr. Wolfes' health. After two years, they returned to Missouri and he practiced law in several cities. In 1920. the Wolfes moved to Harrisonville where Mr. Wolfe was Justice of the Peace from 1922 until 1947. During this tenure he became known as Judge. He served on several committees which led to the adoption of the revised Missouri constitution of 1947. Judge Wolfe became the first clerk of the new magistrate court and remained in this office until his retirement in 1952.

On July 27, 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Both Judge and Mrs. Wolfe were active in the Harrisonville Christian church. They were involved in the educational department of the church and he served for many years an an elder. The Judge was an active Democrat and was a member of the state bar association. Judge Wolfe died at the family home in Harrisonville, 706 Main, on December 1, 1954 at the age of 86 years. Margaret Jane Kohler Wolfe died in Kansas City May 4, 1965 at the home of her daughter, Miss Lucile Twitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe had one son, John Kohler Wolfe, who married Velma Lucille Gay, of Gardner, Kansas. Their son, David William Wolfe, resides in the Kansas City area. David Wolfe was married to Caroline Moreland on June 24, 1960 in Kansas City, Mo.

LEROY M. WOOD

Leta Mae Britton, daughter of Henry Franklin and Parthena Britton, came to Peculiar from Hopedale, Illinois, in 1903, at the age of 17. She married Leroy M. Wood of Pleasant Hill November 22, 1906. They made their home on the Wilson farm, one of the highest points in the county. They were parents of seven children: Josephine and Albertine, twins (b. 1907); Helen Virginia (b. 1910); Franklin Leroy (b. 1914); Mary Elizabeth (b. 1916); Margaret Louise (b. 1918); and Robert Clifton (b. 1921).

Following the death of Mr. Wood March 21, 1947, Mrs. Wood and Margaret moved to Peculiar where they lived until 1965. They moved to Niles, Michigan, where they now reside.

The two eldest daughters, Josephine and Albertine, attended Central Missouri State College and were teachers in the Peculiar Consolidated District. Josephine was elected as Elementary Principal in the Washington Clay School System of South Bend, Indiana, in 1940, and remained in that position until her untimely death in August, 1962. She was married to Orin M. Cain of Niles, Michigan, in 1943. Albertine and Dwight E. Whitten of Peculiar were married in May, 1933. They were the parents of a daughter, Janet Elaine, who with her husband, Thomas R. Hammack, and three sons now reside in Peculiar. Mrs. Whitten was Postal Clerk in the Peculiar Post Office where her husband was Postmaster for fifteen years. Following his death in 1949, she resumed her career in the teaching profession. She now resides in Niles, Michigan, and is a teacher in the Niles Elementary School System.

Helen Virginia Wood married Dr. Gail Steiner of South Bend, Indiana. They have two sons and a daughter: Charles Leroy, Timothy Gail and Marcie Jo. Dr. and Mrs. Steiner now reside in Niles, Michigan.

Frank attended Park College, later going to Niles, Michigan, as a draftsman for the Tyler Manufacturing Company. He was a Seabee in World War II. He was married to Miss Shirley McAfee in 1939. They are the parents of three daughters, Cheryl, Marianne and Janet. Frank and his family resided in Niles when his death occurred in 1960.

Mary attended Peculiar High School her freshman and sophomore years. She then transferred to Washington Clay High School, South Bend, Indiana, graduated, and was employed in the office of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company for five years. She was married to Charles L. Murphy of South Bend, Indiana, in 1940; and to this union a daughter, Patricia M., and a son, Gary were born.

Robert entered the Armed Forces and served a year in Korea. Upon his return to Peculiar, he attended Hannibal-LaGrange College. He married Miss Anne Hitt of Advance, Missouri, in 1949. Two daughters were born, Alberta Ann and Mary Beth. Robert teaches in the Delta Missouri Junior High School. He and his family reside on a farm near Delta, Missouri.

Margaret graduated from Peculiar High School in 1943. She has remained in the family home and has been a loyal and loving companion to her mother.

GEORGE W. WYATT

Wyley Wyatt served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. At the close of the war he and his wife, Sarah

(Maxwell) Wyatt, settled on a farm in Southern Jackson County, one and one-half miles south of Grandview, Missouri. They were the parents of eleven children. George W. Wyatt Sr., one of the eleven, and Ona Wallingford, also of southern Jackson County, and the daughter of P. I. Wallingford, were married in 1905. The P. I. Wallingford farm is known as the Columbian Stock Farm which is located on the north side of Highway 150 directly across from the Air Base.

The George W. Wyatt Family.

George and Ona owned a 160 acre farm located on North Scott, which is known as part of Kingsland and part of the base housing for Richard's-Gebaur AFB. George W. Wyatt Jr. was born in 1907 at this residence. In 1912 they sold this farm and moved to Freeman, Missouri. Margaret Wyatt was born in December of that year. In 1919 the present farm located at the northeast corner of Belton was purchased and the family moved there in the spring of 1920. They continued to live here until they moved into Belton in 1948.

In the meantime Margaret Wyatt attended business college after graduating from the Belton High Schol. She was employed for a time at the Cass County Treasurer's office in Harrisonville. She became affiliated with the Merriman Mortgage Company in Kansas City in 1934 where she continued to live and work until her death in July, 1971. George W. Wyatt Sr. died in the fall of 1948 and his wife continued to live in Belton until her death in December of 1969.

George W. Wyatt Jr. and Maurine Arnold of Raymore were married in 1934. They first lived east of Raymore moving back to Belton in 1936. They now live on the family farm listed above.

Maurine (Arnold) Wyatt was the daughter of Homer and Flora Arnold who lived east of Raymore, the farm joining Highway 291. She is the granddaughter of J. R. Arnold who bought the Arnold farm on 58 just east of 291 in 1870. It had remained in the family until 1972. The other grandparents were the T. E. Millers who lived and taught school many years in Cass County.

George W. and Maurine are the parents of Wyley Wyatt (Geo. W. III), born in 1935. He resides in Belton on part of the land first owned by George and Ona. He was married to Mollie Peebles Bailey in 1968, who grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. A daughter, Wanda was born in 1938. Wyley and Wanda both are graduates of Missouri University at Columbia. Wanda and Andrew F. Tarpey Jr., San Diego, were married in 1961 and now live in San Diego since leaving the Kansas City area in 1971.

ALICE GILLUM WYNN

Alice Gillum Wynn, daughter of James Marshall and Martha Jane Wilson Gillum, was born in Harrisonville, Mo. June 5, 1874. She grew up in Harrisonville, attending the local schools, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1905 Alice Gillum married the Rev. George W. Wynn, a Methodist minister. They had four daughters, two of whom died in infancy. The oldest daughter, Leota Alicia Wynn, passed away June 18, 1928. In 1933 Mrs. Wynn became a member of the Church of God in Christ, serving a number of years on the Mother Board. The Rev. Wynn passed away Nov. 30, 1936, and Mrs. Wynn Jan. 21, 1968, leaving one daughter, Violetta Wynn Allen. Mrs. Wynn was called "Dear" by most who knew her, a loving pet name started by a daughter.

Mrs. Wynn had two sisters, Anna Margaret Gillum Jackson and Camma Gillum, who lived in Harrisonville, and two brothers, Ewing S. Gillum of Denver, Colo. and Ernest Gillum who passed away at an early age.

Violetta Maria Wynn married William Delcina Allen on Sept. 30, 1931, in Harrisonville. They have three daughters and one son. (1) Mineola Allen married 1958, St. Joseph, Mo., Buddie Lee Hupp, who passed away Nov. 28, 1968. They had three daughters, Youvetta Jaynie, Vanessa Alice, and Beatrice Lee. Mrs. Hupp and family live in Kansas City, Mo. (2) William Allen Jr. married Apr. 1, 1972, Moberly, Mo., Ruby Lucile Batsell of Paris, Mo. They live in Harrisonville. (3) Bertha Jane Allen lives in Harrisonville. (4) Loretta Joyce Allen married Nov. 19, 1967 Richard E. Batsell of Paris, Mo. They have two sons, Richard Jr. and Lorne Jason, and live in Minneapolis, Minn.

BENJIMAN JOSEPH YODER

Benjiman Joseph Yoder was born 4-7-1887 near East Lynne, Cass Co., Mo., son of Christian D. and Elizabeth Gerber Yoder, and died 10-15-1962. His adult life was spent on a farm 2 miles S. and 1 mile E. of East Lynne, ½ mile from his birthplace. He was an outstanding agriculturalist in Cass Co., a charter member of the Cass Co. Farm Bureau, and recognized as being one of the most progressive farmers in the Co. At one time he was Treasurer of the Bureau, served as a member of the Board of Directors and was an official delegate from his school district to the first Clover and Prosperity Conference in Harrisonville, which was begun 1924 and is now known as the Soil and Crops Conference. He was one of the first farmers in Cass Co. to realize the need of soil improvement and he participated in the liming program started in the 1920s. Throughout the years he followed a well balanced soil improvement and conservation program on his farm.

He married first Ollie Plank, who died Oct. 21, 1907. They had 3 children: Glayde W. Yoder of Sidney, Montana; Glen E. Yoder of Aberdeen, Washington; Blance Jonivach of Montesano, Washington.

Mr. Yoder married second, Dec. 2, 1910, Mary Oesch. They had 3 children: Earl Yoder of Garden City, Mo.; Dorothy Sasich of Cupertino, Calif.; Dee Yoder of Harrisonville, Mo.

ELBY R. YODER

Elby R. Yoder was born November 5, 1893 near Garden City, Missouri, Cass Co. He lived on a farm all his life until he moved to his present home in Harrisonville. His grandfather, Joe Miller, came here from Indiana in 1870 and bought 80 acres of land, three miles north of Garden City where Joe Yoder now lives. In those days when folks went to Pleasant Hill, they cut across the prairie.

Elby was a lover of horses and was some of the last in the community to farm with horses and to drive his horse and buggy.

He was married to Clara Schrock on January 1, 1920 and started farming with a gangplow and two row cultivators, which was modern farming for those days.

They were the parents of two children, Lester and Verna. Lester was born March 19, 1921 and on June 3, 1949 married Mary Kathryn Hartzler. They are farmers and have two children, Doyle, born July 21, 1953 and Reita, born January 31, 1955. Both children are graduates of Hesston Junior College.

Verna was born January 16, 1927 and was married July 31, 1948 to Orville Buerge, who is a grain elevator operator. They are parents of three children.

Lonne, born January 16, 1950, holds a B.A. in Sociology from Goshen College, and married Jan Hartzler of Indiana and they are social workers in the Mennonite Church.

Karen, born May 15, 1952 has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Goshen College and is an elementary teacher in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

Pam, born June 7, 1974, married Mark Yokum May 18, 1974 and is now living in Fort Worth, Texas where they are involved in church work.

KENNETH YODER

Kenneth Yoder, born near Pigeon, Michigan on April 13, 1930, only child of Milo D. and Amy (Roth) Yoder. Mr. Yoder was reared and educated in Michigan. He came to Cass County with his parents in June of 1948.

Mr. Yoder's father, Milo, was the fifth child of Joe and Anna (Miller) Yoder, born on February 21, 1900 on the farm of his parents located about four miles north of Garden City.

Milo Yoder's mother, Anna Miller, was the sixth child of Joe and Christina (Coffman) Miller, who came to Cass County with her parents in 1872. She received her education at the Clearfork School and after her married to Joe Yoder, who came to Cass County as a young man from Pennsylvania, settled on the farm where Milo was reared. Milo Yoder's father died in 1912 when Milo was age 12; his mother's death came in April, 1959 when she was age 88.

As a young man Milo Yoder went to Illinois to work. While there, he met Amy Roth, born May 31, 1899 near Oberlin, Kansas. They were married on November 23, 1923 and lived on a farm near Pigeon, Michigan when Kenneth was born. When they returned to Cass County they purchased a 240 acre farm west of Garden City in Camp Branch township.

On August 9, 1962, Kenneth Yoder married Ellen Kauffman, born January 31, 1935 at Minot, North Dakota. She was the first of seven children born to Floyd and Ida (Troyer) Kauffman. Floyd, a twin, was born in Cass County in 1906, the son of David and Anna (King) Kauffman, who moved to North Dakota in 1916. (See Stephen Kauffman entry.)

After marriage, Kenneth Yoder operated the farm of his parents. He now raises mostly corn. The farm was a bank barn built by David Youn in the late 1800's. The first house was destroyed by fire and the present house was built in 1918. Mr. Yoder keeps the building on the farm in good repair and the farm has a neat appearance.

Mrs. Yoder is a school teacher and does some free lance writing and artwork. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder are the parents of two children, Dale Dean, born October 14, 1963 and Dianne Kaye, born October 1, 1967. The Yoder family are active members of the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church.

NOAH YODER

Noah Yoder was born in Logan County, Ohio in 1848. He came to Cass County, Missouri in 1867 with his parents the Reuben Yoder family and settled on a farm 9 miles due east of Harrisonville.

The family came to Holden, Missouri by train and moved across country by wagon. There were few fences and not many roads. Reuben Yoder bought his land the same year, in 1867 and paid $2,000, or $12.50 an acre.

The 160 acre farm was half timber and half prairie. The timber afforded wood for fuel and lumber for building. A stream supplied stock water. Squirrels chattered in the trees, grouse drummed in the woods and prairie chickens roamed the open fields. There were also black berries to be gathered in summer and nuts in the fall.

Noah bought 80 acres adjoining the home place 15 years later in 1883, and paid $2040, or $25.50 an acre. He kept adding to this until he had 392 acres. He farmed and raised livestock, lived at home a number of years, then moved on his own farm and lived alone, until February, 1889 at the age of 40, when he married Katie Hartzler from Michigan. They raised 5 children. Priscilla, wife of O. J. Hartzler, deceased; Lucy, deceased, wife of John E. Miller; Nellie, wife of C. V. Hartzler, deceased, now Mrs. Frank Roth; Reuben J; and Lela, deceased.

The buildings on their farm were all old, so in 1901 they built a six room house and in 1906 they built a large barn, and made many other improvements.

He was a successful farmer and stock man. His sows, which took a lot of care, went out into the timber to farrow and only raised one litter a year. When the offspring were 15 or 16 months old they were big, fat hogs and went to market with their mothers. He shipped by rail and usually had two car loads. Noah also bought livestock in the community and shipped them to Kansas City or St. Louis. Noah died in 1918, Katie in 1942.

After Noah's death, Reuben J. stayed on the farm with his mother and sister, Lela. In 1930 he raised a drove of prize winning hogs, and made a national record. In 1933 he married

Ruth Schrock, they have three children: James, Donna, and Jerald. In 1942 they bought and moved to the C. D. Yoder farm, that had belonged to his uncle. It was 160 acres and he paid $50 an acre. This land has been in the Yoder family for 99 years, and has had only two owners.

Jerald married Joan Wittrig in 1972 and moved on this farm. Jerald is a farmer and has hog raising as his speciality.

In 1958 James married Miriam Martin, from Pennsylvania. They bought and moved on the Noah Yoder farm. He paid $55 an acre. They are the parents of three sons, Garry, Philip and Eric. They are the fifth generation. In 1964 he bought the B. J. Yoder farm and paid $300 an acre. In 1975 they built a home there, located on Highway No. 2. He is a farmer and has 80 acres of orchard and 35 acres of strawberries.

Donna lives in Tucson, Arizona and is a teacher in Pima Junior College.

Reuben also built a home on his C. D. Yoder farm on Highway #2 and retired, but still enjoys what goes on, on the Yoder farms.

The land that belonged to Reuben Yoder, now belongs to Reuben J. It has been in the family 109 years.

The Yoders have always been affiliated with the Mennonite church. The older Reuben Yoder was a charter member in 1868.

MARTIN ZIEGLER

Martin Ziegler (1846-1923) and wife Lydia (1845-1936) came in 1872 by train from Wooster, Ohio to East Lynne, Mo. Four children accompanied them: Emma, Amanda, Levi and Selina. A fine group of Mennonites from Sycamore Church met them and gave them food and lodging. The Zieglers soon rented the "Capp" farm and resided there two years. Martin purchased a farm one quarter mile south of Eight Mile. When the KCCS railroad (called "Leaky Roof") was built in 1885, the town was moved one mile north and was renamed Daugherty, for a Bill Daugherty. KCCS stood for Kansas City, Clinton, Springfield. Vernon remembers the growing town of 2 stores, blacksmith shop, livery barn, and a stock and grain buyer named R. D. Noell. The stores were owned by Chas. Clark and Bert McBride. There were 2 passenger trains north, 2 south and a freight train each way daily. Also, a stock train 2 or 3 days each week.

By 1888 five more children were born: Simon, Mattie, Fran, Ethel and Vernon. Vernon, the youngest remembers his parents speaking German to his children. He remembers his father always returning thanks at the table, never working on Sunday. Several times a week they would all sing, pray and read the Bible at bedtime. Vernon continues "Thanks for a great father and mother". Martin and Lydia left the farm in 1920 and moved to Garden City, Mo. Their children:

Emma married U.S.G. Plank, a professor and superintendent of Haskell Institute, a government school for Indians at Lawrence, Kansas. Their children were Ewart and Elizabeth. Ewart, a graduate of West Point, is now retired from the Army as a 3 Star General and living in California. Elizabeth married Leland Jenks, a professor. They spent 5 years in old country making text books for University. She now lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Amanda married, in 1891, Bud Wykle, a farmer and stockman and after 20 years of farming, retired to Garden City.

The Martin Ziegler Family, about 1891.

Amanda has lived in Cass County over 100 years. One child, Fern, married Jacob Plank. Fern and her Mother, now 105 years old, reside together in Garden City.

Levi, married Laura Hockaday, a high school teacher. He was a Harrisonville merchant for 20 years. Died at age 62.

Selina married Will Roberts, a farmer, who raised fine mules. Their children were Ralph and Opal. Selina died at age 68.

Simon married Lela Jackson, daughter of Judge John L. Jackson, who could relate about Order #11. Simon was also a merchant in Harrisonville and died at age 47.

Mattie married R. W. Conn, a railroad man and farmer. Children: Hilda and Robert. Mattie died at age 50.

Frank married Ida Kennedy, another school teacher. He was a merchant in Nampa, Idaho for 20 years. Frank is still living in Nampa at the age of 94 and has one daughter, Isa Rea.

Ethel married Walter Garmon. They lived in Emmett, Idaho where he was ditch rider for the Irrigation Department of Idaho. Children: Lela, Betty and Donald. Ethel died at age 50.

Vernon married Maude Kirk in 1911. She taught school in Cass County. They left the farm and were in the grocery business 5 years in Peculiar. Vernon was auditor for Hope Lumber Co. in Belton 7 years. Moved to Spring Hill, Ks. in 1925 to become the first independent jobber for Mobil Oil Co. in Johnson County, Ks. Vernon and Maude retired in 1946 to Harrisonville where he continues to reside at age of 88 years.

Frank and Vernon are the last of male Ziegler descendants.

WILLIAM ZION

The Zion family was from Scott County, Virginia. William married Polly Franse, an aunt of Peter Franse. Children: George, married in 1852 to Martha Hobbs, daughter of Margaret Blueball; Lucy married William P. Davidson; John married Nancy Davidson; Celia (died Nov. 22, 1891, age 62 years) married Peter Franse (born August 10, 1815, died Nov. 15, 1897 and buried at Freeman); Lucinda married Shelby Hobbs, and William II. All the children but William migrated to Cass County in the early fifties.

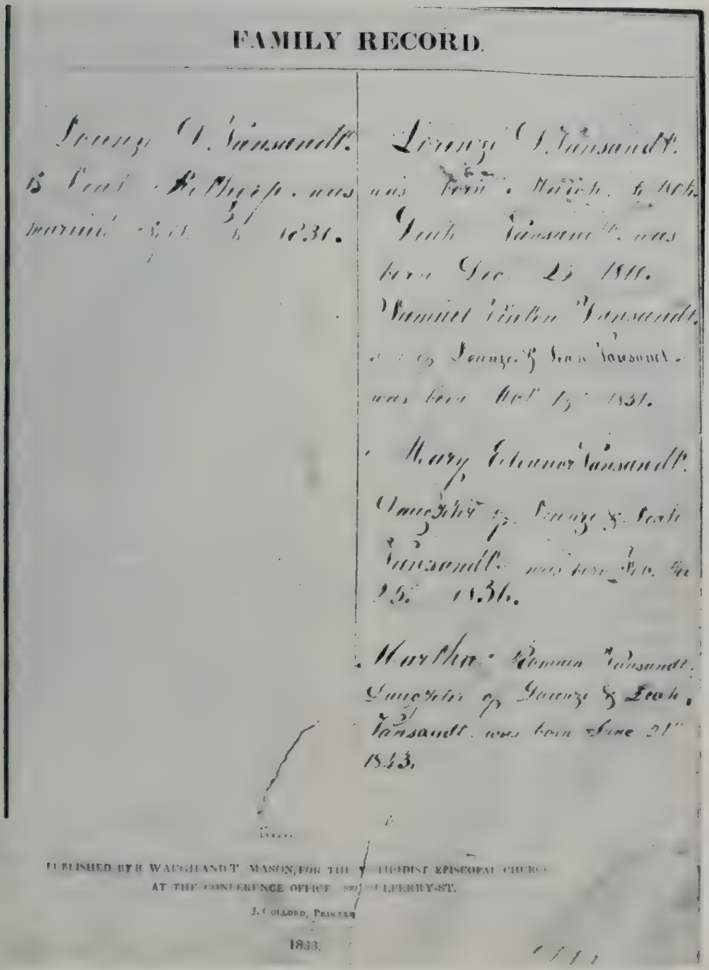
Children of George: Ransom married Nellie Davidson; Henry Francis; Marion; Nancy married Bart Haldeman; Georgiana (Georgia) married Walter Newman. Children of Lucy: Mollie, Rebecca, Thomas Jefferson. Children of John:

William, born Sept. 11, 1844 in Virginia, died in Holden, Mo. married Carrie Reaves; George W., born in Virginia, Dec. 17, 1846, married Alice Lacy (daughter of Rev. Lacy); Mary Taylor (Molly) born in Lee County, Virginia May 7, 1848, died July 14, 1917 at Freeman, Mo. married Oct. 4, 1870 to James Thornton Parker, son of James and Jane Rees, of White Co., Indiana, died at Freeman Apr. 1, 1931. Martha Jane born in Virginia Dec. 12, 1850, died 1929, married John Rhode Stark, born Aug. 27, 1844, died Mar. 23, 1909. Harvey, born Feb. 13, 1854, died 1950 in Oklahoma, married Annie Gentry.

William P. and Nancy Davidson were children of Henry P. Davidson.

This was the VanBuren County Courthouse from 1847 to 1849, and the Cass County Courthouse from 1849 to 1896.

The photo below of the Lorenzo Vansandt family Bible page was made in 1960, but the Bible is no longer available.



FAMILY RECORD.

1833.

Fannie Scott and Robert Cowan Wilson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 1, 1936.

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Mrs. Lee Anderson and her three sons, all dentists: Eugene F. Anderson, J. L. Anderson and John T. Anderson.

Wedding picture of Matilda (Jeter) and Gilbert Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavale Ferguson in their greenhouse in Pleasant Hill.

Jeremiah Farmer (1810-1881) and Eliza Bailey Farmer (1813-1896).

The Public Square in Harrisonville in 1910 complete with hitchracks.

Mrs. W. H. Williams and her eight daughters. Picture taken about 1910.

Grandchildren shown include twin grandsons.

The Brown home near Harrisonville, built with slave labor in 1849 with handmade brick. Three bullet holes in the front door are marks of the Civil War.

The Museum in Pleasant Hill was the Kosky Barber Shop for many years. Stones for the front came from the tower of Stone College on College Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris M. Knorpp. Mr. Knorpp was a banker in Pleasant Hill many years.

Sharp-Hopper Log Cabin in 1898. Is now a museum in Harrisonville. Shown are Mr. and Mrs. Van E. Sharp with Bill, Carl and Myrtle.

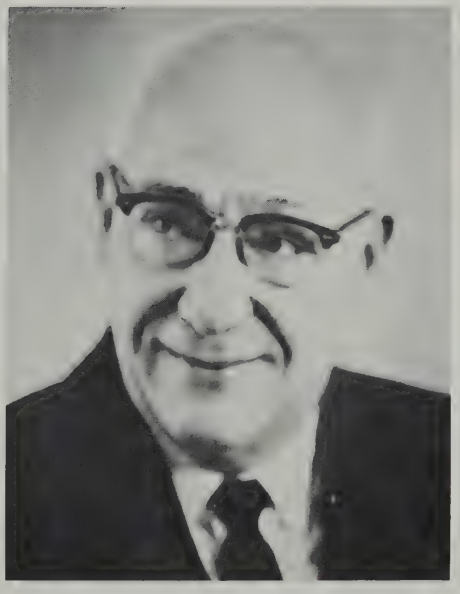
Major and Mrs. Abner H. Deane. Major Deane was also a Baptist minister, and was the subject of Caleb Bingham's "Major Deane in Jail".

The sons of Carroll Bailey and Lucinda McRoberts, Robert Lee, Winfield Scott, Samuel Baugham and Ephraim Smith. The parents came to Cass County in the 1840's.

The Thomas Nelson McKinley family in 1959 — Marvin, Rose, Tom, Rosalie, Esther and Cecil. The 1916 Model T belonged first to Elmer McKinley.

The Powell brothers and their wives in 1911. They are sons of Jonathan and Elizabeth Clementine (Bailey) Powell. They are James and Saleta, Joseph and Etta, Isaac and Elizabeth, Dick and Mary, Ben and Lizzie.

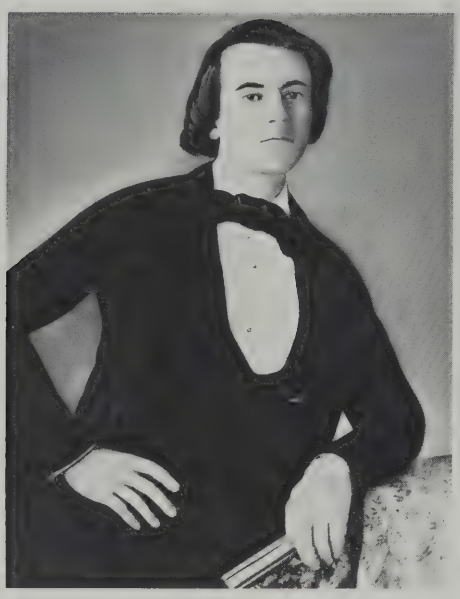
Mr. and Mrs. Greenup Dodson in 1897. Mrs. Dodson was Edna Earl Jeter.



Arthur L. Bybee was cashier and executive vice-president of the Citizens National Bank.

James Francis Settle and his wife, Nancy Jane, lived near Settle's Ford at Dayton.

Hickory Grove Baptist Church was built in 1914. A. C. Cope was a clerk, trustee and treasurer.



William Edmund Pearce came to America from England in 1844. In 1866 he came to Pleasant Hill, starting a hardware business. His sons, Ernest and Lester, continued the business until 1960.

The C. K. Frank family. In the rear are Brian and Betty Frank with Curtis, Suzanne and Kenneth Lynn, Gladys and Clayton Frank. In front — Clifton Frank, Dan and Tammie Lynn, Carla Frank, Clarice Frank.

The children of W. E. and Margaret Burns Pearce in 1875. They are Ellen Frances, Jessie Craig, Alida May, Grace Margaret and Gilbert Dorset.

John Armstrong Buckner was born near Strasburg in 1869, a grandson of John M. Armstrong, one of the earliest settlers in Pleasant Hill.

The Halcomb family in 1907. "Doc" and his wife are on the left, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Halcomb on the right. Will and Mildred are in the center.

Wilbur Lawrence was loading apples from the Westervelt Orchard on a Frisco freight car at West Belton in 1916.

David John Peterson with his children: Mabel Gross, Alice Leimkuhler, John William, James Garrett, Lucy Kropf and Monetta Lewis.

Mrs. John Henry Urquhart and her daughters Myrtle, Mabel, Marie, May and Mildred.

The Urquhart sons: Oscar, John, Frank, Earl and Orville.

Lone Elm School 4½ miles east of Harrisonville on No. 2 Highway. Miss Dorothy Kircher was the teacher, the year 1936-1937.

Pupils, *1st Row:* Jay Hartzler, J. T. Hartzler, Alma Dell Fredrickson, June Beggs, Ethel Hartzler. *2nd Row:* Forrest Roach, Neil Kohler, Donald Kohler, Hazel Kohler, Betty Zumwalt, Harry Lee Buckley, Naomi Zumwalt, Verda Peterson, Blanche Hartzler, Mary Kathryn Hartzler, Guy Kohler, Dorothy Lou Kohler, Georgia Zumwalt. *Back Row:* Dorothy Kircher, E. R. Kircher, Jr., Virginia Beggs, Roger Buckley, Alta Hartzler, Francis Kircher, Mary Lee Hartzler, Allen Hartzler, J. D. Peterson, Herman Hershberger.

Harrisonville
Grade School

First Grade
1938

Miss Mary Lue
Hall was the teacher.

Row 1: Lyle Osburn, Marilyn Bybee, Mac Fox, Fenton Cox, Shirley Ann Lusby, Evelyn Leimkuhler, Delores Cleton, Jerry Fitzgerald, Arthur Ray Baston, Mildred Moore. *Row 2:* Harold Reed, Bobbie Bunger, Bessie Davis, Katrine Sweitzer, Jacob Jensen, Jean Kennedy, Junior Wallace, Bobby Ingram, Almus Zeller. *Row 3:* Bobby West, Betty Lou Burger, JoAnn Porter, Leora Glover, Betty Ann Stewart, Lane Collins, J. R. Warner, Paul Cooley. *Row 4:* Wanda Taylor, Barbara Moneymaker, Eldon Ament, Jean Miller, Billie Burgoon, Joe Scavuzzo, Wayne Carlson, Archie Holloway, Miss Hall.

THE SHARP FAMILY. *Back Row:* Leslie L. Sharp, Carl E. Sharp, William D. Sharp. *Front Row:* Mable D. Tonahill, Gertrude C. Sharp, Myrtle B. Pickering.

Henry E. Crouch, father of Leslie M. Crouch, Sr.

Mary Ann (Connely) Crouch, wife of Henry C. Crouch.

Scott Kevin Crouch, son of Janet Sebesky and Leslie M. Crouch III.

Leslie M. Crouch, Sr. Judge of Probate Court in Cass Co. 1902-1910.

Zadah (Pearson) Crouch, wife of Leslie M. Crouch, Sr.

Lisa Dixie Crouch, daughter of Janet Sebesky and Leslie M. Crouch, III.

Dixie Griffith Crouch, wife of L. M. Crouch, Jr., who died in 1960.

Janet Sebesky Crouch, mother of Scott Kevin and Lisa Dixie Crouch.

The first telephone switchboard in Harrisonville was operated by Mrs. John Patterson (Miss Inez Barnard). The equipment was installed in a cottage at 300 East Wall St., now occupied by the United Telephone Co. Miss Maude Williams was the night operator. The Harrisonville Telephone Co. was started by W. B. Scruggs, H. B. Moody and Tom Clemments and later became the Cass County Telephone Co., serving both Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill.

Frank Tuttle, pictured above, was an accurate historian who researched and recorded many stories of Cass County. He was born in Butler, coming to Harrisonville to work at the Cass County Democrat, first as a printer, later becoming the city editor. His death occurred Oct. 31, 1966.

Shown below is the second courthouse to be used in Cass County. It was built in 1847, and housed the county business until 1896, when the present edifice was erected.

The schools in Harrisonville prior to 1926. The high school building on the right was razed and a new building erected that year. The building is now junior high school, and the old building is part of the elementary school system.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Preston and family: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Preston (bride and groom), Finley M. (Neill) Preston, Jr., and Finley and Marjorie.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ford and children: Larry, Timothy, Jeffrey, Saundra in 1963.

George School in Gunn City in 1899. Identified in the group are Claud Gray, Clara Dahman, Addie Dahman, Nellie Gray, Albert Gray, Tom and Nellie Dean.

The County Home north of Harrisonville was converted to the Pleasant View Rest Home about 20 years ago. The building was erected in 1909.

Sons of Matthew Lasley in 1868: Alonzo, William, Matthew, James, Homer, Joseph, David, Jonathan. The family migrated from Ohio that year to Cass County, Joseph purchasing a 240 acre farm east of Raymore. The five oldest sons served in the Union Army. The father was killed by a horse in 1872.

The five daughters of George W. Tribby: Almedia Jane Dunnington, Rebecca Sisson, Laura Brown, Nellie Lacy, Anna Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kirk and family: Lenona, Karen, Kathy, Kristy and Richard Wilson; Robert, Barbara, and Ernest Russell; Allen and Nona Kirk.

Tuckers living in Missouri in 1976: *Back Row:* Kenneth Leonard, William, Ricky, Jim Feagins. *Front Row:* Edna, Betty, Peggy, Margaret Feagins. The children are David L. and Laurie Ann Feagins.

Ash family reunion in 1947. *Center Front:* Mary Ellen Mendenhall. *Second Row:* George Lloyd, Ida Austin, Gordie Graham. *Standing:* Floyd, Inez Bockenstette, George and Mary Ash, Flossie McKinley.

Samuel Sherman Crawford and wife, Mary, with sons Otis, George, Charles and James W.

Home of Joseph Lasley in Raymore, built in 1885, occupied by the family from 1894 to the present.

The Blayneys in 1954 — Vincent, Juanita, Virginia, Anna, Kenneth, Earl.

Leonard F. and Maxine Johnson at the original Johnson farm home in 1940.

Pictured below is the Rex Rowland farm home.

The Missouri Pacific depot in Pleasant Hill. The building is still used.

The Methodist Church in Peculiar, dedicated in 1908, still houses the congregation worshipping there.

The United Brethren Church in Raymore was adorned for the Christmas night service.

The Zook Flour Mill in East Lynne about 1900. In the picture are Isaac Zook, Will Stone, Mr. Hockery, Mr. Cottan, Jacob L. Kenagy.

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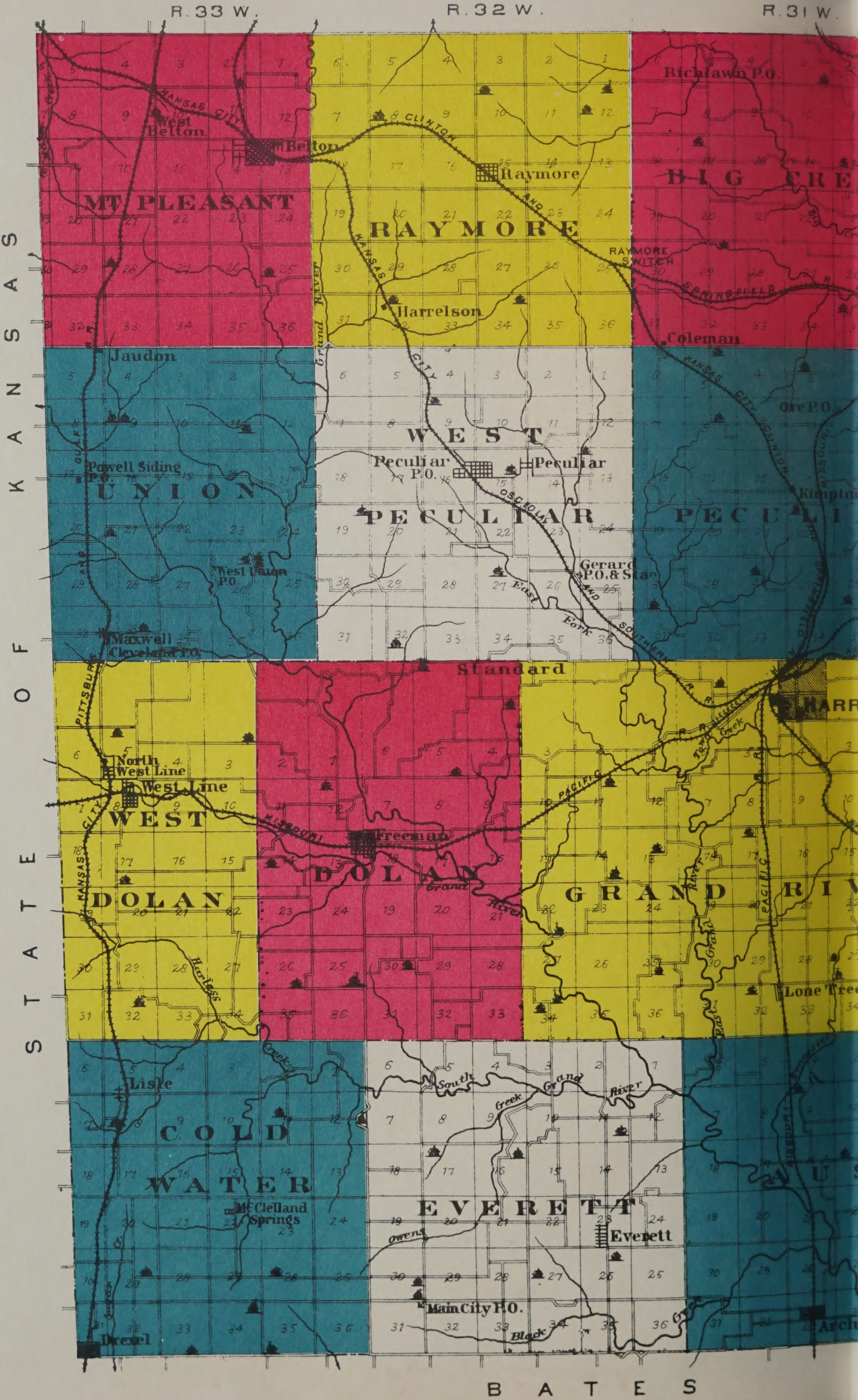

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OUTLINE MAP OF CASS COUNTY MISSOURI 1895.

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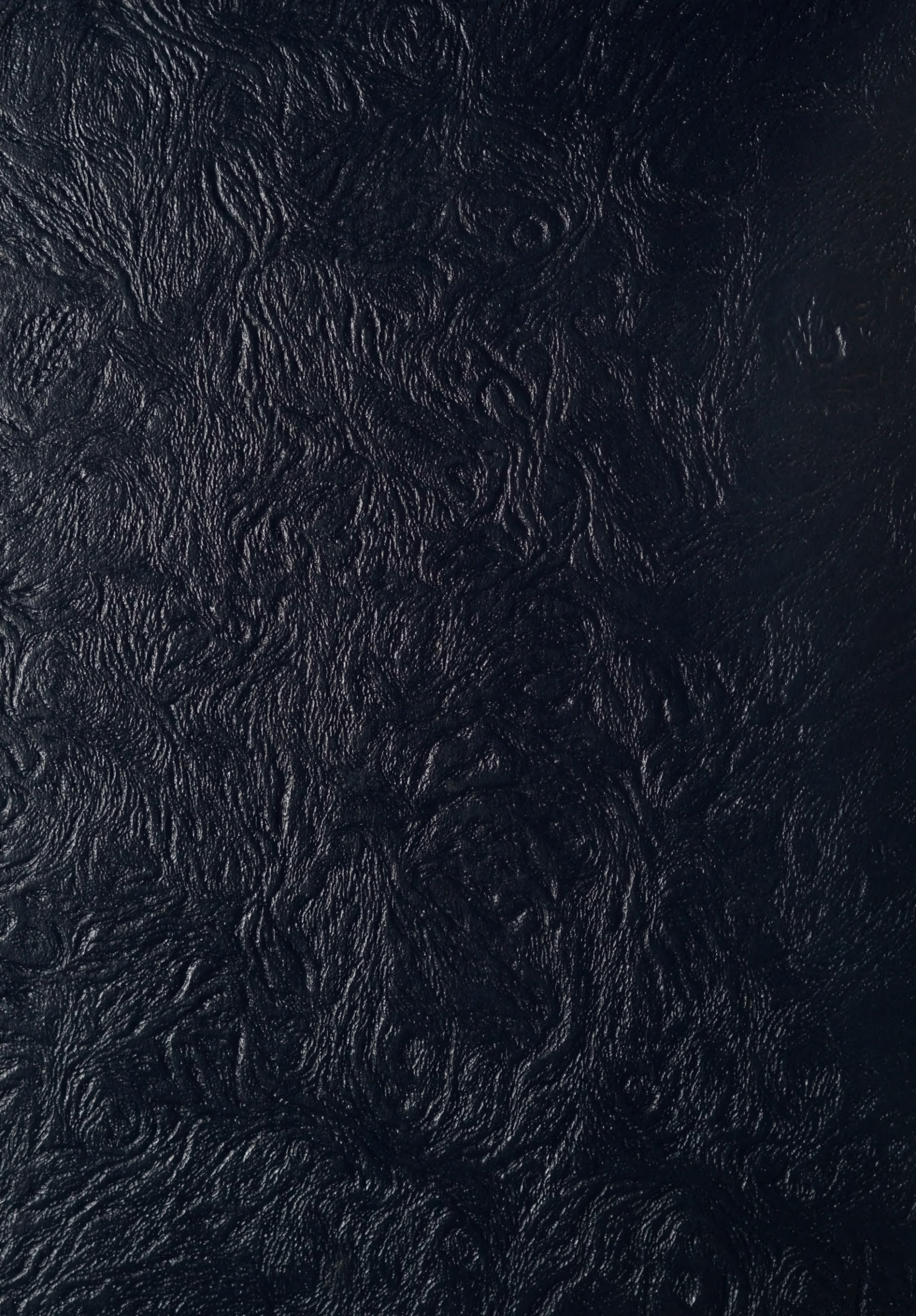
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